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## AMAZING SCENES ON LINER.

## FRENCH MUTINEERS RAISE CAIN.

## ARMED SAILORS DEFY AUTHORITIES.

## PERCH ON A MAST.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT).

**TWO FRENCH** sailors, perched upon a boom aboard an American liner, armed with dangerous weapons, inviting a posse of bluejackets to come up and fetch them if they dared, formed the feature of an extraordinary incident in Shanghai yesterday afternoon, having its humorous as well as a very serious side. The defiant bluejackets did not descend from their stronghold until night had fallen.

Before taking refuge in the boom of the liner, a fierce fight had taken place upon a French naval launch which had come alongside the vessel to fetch the men and four companions, who were deserters from the French flagship, the Waldeck Rousseau, during the visit of that vessel to Manila in February.

A thrilling story of the whole affair is related in a cable received from our Shanghai correspondent this morning. Its serious side is contained in the fact that their riotous escapade aboard the President Taft will undoubtedly result in a much more serious punishment when they are arraigned before a court-martial.

## WILD AFFAIR IN SHANGHAI.

Shanghai, Apr. 8.  
Two of a group of six deserters from the French cruiser, Waldeck Rousseau, came passengers aboard the American liner President Taft, yesterday afternoon, when they defied the whole of the French Navy and allied authorities from the top of the liner.

The entertainment had no amusement for those whose task it was to secure the arrest of the fugitives. They were defied for four and a half hours, one of the men swinging for his own protection a six foot length of steel cable with a looped eye at the end, which would have inflicted terrible injuries on anyone who attempted to climb to the mast to secure the deserters, while the other brandished a stiletto.

### Forced Down by Cold.

They climbed into their strong-hold after three o'clock in the afternoon and they refused to capitulate until nearly eight o'clock at night, after darkness had begun to descend and the chill was gathering.

Having defied commands from below for four and a half hours, they came down from their lofty perch and submitted to arrest.

They now face court-martial and a prospective term of imprisonment upon Devil's Island, with their comrades, one of whom also put up a fierce fight before he was subdued.

### Fear of Devil's Island.

Doubtless it was the anticipation of a visit to Devil's Island, the notorious French penal colony on the north-west coast of South America, of which many dreadful tales have been told, which persuaded the men to "raise Cain" before they submitted to arrest.

The deck of the President Taft was the scene of considerable action as soon as the Dollar vessel came to her anchorage shortly after 3 p.m.

A launch from the Waldeck Rousseau, carrying several officers and a complement of sixteen heavily armed sailors, drew alongside to "formally" arrest the deserters, who were being returned to Shanghai from Hongkong.

They are believed to have deserted the Waldeck Rousseau in Manila.

### Dash For Freedom.

As the French launch pulled alongside the starboard gangway of the President Taft, two of the six men broke away from the Taft's men controlling them, taking them, of course, unawares, and made a wild dash over the port side, climbing down a dangle line into a sampan.

Given warning of their move, the launch shot round in front of the Taft's bows, while the deserters were frantically urging the launch to get under way.

Directly the launch came round the bows, one of the men spotted the craft, and immediately sprang back from the sampan and scrambled up the rope to the deck of the Taft, climbing immediately up the ladder of the mast and perching himself on the boom.

The other, dynamic and red-headed, chose a different course. He plunged headlong into the centre of the men drawn up on the launch as the craft drew alongside the sampan, and immediately became the centre of a fiercely battling knot of men.

He took a terrific beating before he was secured, but he gave his money's worth in return, half a dozen of the guard being damaged more or less badly before he was finally subdued, tightly trussed up and thrown to the bottom of the launch.

The one who had regained the deck and climbed to the boom was joined by another rebel, who only waited to secure a heavy six-foot length of steel cable before he also fled up the ladder leading to the square-rigged booms, and from there to the upper king-post or cross-beam.

The remaining three deserters surrendered voluntarily without making a fuss.

The two still at liberty held their fort with gleeful shouts of derision. Both of them swung their weapons threateningly, and commands from below were replied to with riotous laughter.

Two tentative attempts were made by sailors to go after them

## DEBTOR BLAMES BROKERS.

### TEMPTED TO PLUNGE ON SHARES.

### LOSSES WHICH RESULTED IN BANKRUPTCY.

### TO-DAY'S HEARINGS.

The influence of brokers in tempting him to plunge more heavily was given by Chan Shiu-tsun as the reason for his liabilities amounting to \$78,000, due entirely to share transactions, when publicly examined in the Bankruptcy Court this morning, before Mr. Justice Wood.

Replying to the Official Receiver (Mr. E. L. Agassiz) debtor said he started work as a clerk at a wage of \$35 a month 30 years ago, and later went to work for Messrs. Sheehan, Tones and Co. at a wage of \$60 a month. He worked there until 1923, when his wage had risen to \$350 a month, but left in order to work for the China Underwriters, where he earned \$450 a month.

Mr. Agassiz: The whole of your liabilities are due to share transactions?—Yes.

### Due To Share Losses.

Apart from these share liabilities, you have no debts whatever?—Not before 1923, but after 1923 I was in debt of another kind. The losses on share transactions were my only liabilities when I filed my petition. If it had not been for these losses, my bankruptcy would not have occurred.

Speaking of money he had made, debtor said he bought two houses, Nos. 308 and 310, Reclamation Street for \$4,000, each and eight years later he sold them for \$8,150 each.

Referring to his dealings in shares, debtor said he had a little money invested, but it was due to the suggestions of brokers that he invested to the extent he eventually did.

In the course of examination on debtor's expenses, Mr. Agassiz mentioned a number of items, including entertainment expenses, 50 cents pocket money a week for each of three children, and cinema once a fortnight for the children, also expenses for marriages, birthdays and gatherings of relatives, and suggested that debtor had not stinted himself in any way in trying to pay his liabilities.

Debtor replied that he was living as economically as possible, and pointed out, it was necessary for him to preserve his social standing in order to obtain business. The examination was closed.

### Factory Which Failed.

A knitting factory venture which failed was the subject of the public examination of Wong Shun-wo, No. 437, Portland Street, Kowloon, carrying on business as the Cheung Shu weaving and spinning factory.

After an application for adjudication, and appointment of a trustee, had been granted, debtor said, in reply to Mr. Agassiz, that he saved the sum of \$400 on which he started the factory. He hired machines and eventually borrowed \$15,000 for the purpose of putting it into the business and buying his own machines.

During the first five years he made \$10,000 profit, but after 1927 he began to lose money, finally becoming bankrupt. Debtor explained that he used the \$10,000 profit for the purpose of paying off that amount of the \$15,000 borrowed.

### The examination was closed.

### Claims Not Pressed.

On the application of Mr. E. S. C. Brooks, the petition against Chung Chiu-kee, who appeared on an adjourned public examination, was withdrawn by the public examination being closed.

Mr. Brooks explained that debtor had come to an arrangement with his creditors, which was that four of the creditors had agreed not to press their claims at the present time, but would wait until debtor had further assets.

A receiving order was made in the case of Lai Sam-chau.

but when it was observed that the rebels were not bluffing in the swinging of their weapons, it was decided to wait for their surrender. They came down from their perch and submitted to arrest.

## Flag of Revolt in Madeira.

### Thrills for British Visitors.

### WARSHIP ON WAY.

London, Apr. 7.  
The flag of revolt is waving in the Portuguese Colony of Madeira, off the north-west coast of Africa. Madeira is a popular holiday resort, and the island is now crowded with British visitors.

Although there has been no news of fighting in the Portuguese island, the stage appears to be set for dramatic developments, and the Portuguese authorities are now rushing a cruiser with troops, guns and aeroplanes, to the island, where rebels are reported to be mobilising forces to meet an attack.

The island is full of British visitors, but news received in London states that they have not been interfered with, in spite of

## BRITISH OFFICIAL SHOT DOWN.

### MURDEROUS ATTACK IN MIDNAPORE.

### CRITICAL WOUNDS.

Midnapore, Apr. 7.  
Mr. James Peddie, the District Magistrate of Midnapore, has been rushed to hospital in a critical condition, suffering from five bullet wounds, received in a murderous attack by an unknown assailant.

The miscreant escaped. Mr. Peddie was visiting an educational exhibition at a local school when the outrage occurred.—*Reuter.*

the excitement of the inhabitants. Nevertheless, it is learned that a ten-thousand-ton cruiser, H.M.S. London has been ordered to make full speed for Funchal, the capital of Madeira, from Gibraltar as a precautionary measure.

The cause of the revolt is believed to be dissatisfaction at the prospective reinstatement of the former Governor, Senhor Freitas, whose neglect of the February riots threw undue responsibility upon his subordinates.—*Reuter.*

## MR. A. V. APCAR DIES IN LONDON.

### RESIDENT OF COLONY FOR NEARLY 40 YEARS.

Many residents will learn with deep regret of the death in London of Mr. Arratoon V. Aparcar, managing director and founder of Messrs. A. V. Aparcar and Co., Ltd., news of which was received by cable this morning. The deceased gentleman passed away from heart failure.

The late Mr. Aparcar, who left the Colony for England about six years ago, was born in Calcutta. He had resided in Hongkong for no less than 38 years and was one of the best-known and popular business men of the Colony. When he first came to the Colony, he was engaged largely in the opium business, but later he founded the firm of merchants and commission agents which bore his name. For some years, the firm were agents in Hongkong for the Ultramarine Bank of Macao.

Mr. Aparcar was a large property owner, his holdings in the Colony including Ava House, Ava Mansions, Armand Buildings and Observatory Villa. He was a member of the Hongkong Club and of the Jockey Club, and was also a very keen sportsman.

Fifty-eight years of age, and an Armenian, he leaves a widow and young son who matriculated in July last and it was the intention of Mr. Aparcar to return to the Colony with his wife and son in September.

## LEEDS MAKING A FINAL BID.

### HANDSOME VICTORY OVER SHEFFIELD.

### ASTON VILLA CONSOLIDATE POSITION.

### SOCCER YESTERDAY.

League problems were not simplified as a result of the eight matches played to-day. On the contrary, the excellent win obtained by Leeds United against brother Yorkshiremen in Sheffield United again throws open a prospect of an escape from relegation. The Villa obtained two points after a stiff tussle with Newcastle, but five points behind, they have little chance of snatching the championship from the Arsenal.

Bradford City, in the second Division, who in December last were fourth from the bottom of the table, defeated Swansea by three clear goals and are now sixth from the top. Of their last 21 games they have won twelve, drawn six and lost only three.

Typical end of the season games in the Third Division (South) resulted in draws at Northampton and Coventry.

The results, as called by Reuter, together with amended league tables, follow:

FIRST DIVISION.			
Aston Villa	1	Newcastle	3
Huddersfield	1	Sheffield U.	1
Leeds United	1	Sheffield U.	1
Leicester	2	Chelsea	0

SECOND DIVISION.			
Bradford City	3	Swansea	0
Wolverhampton	1	Bradford	1

THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH).			
Coventry	2	Watford	2
Northampton	0	Luton	0

host of friends, being of a most genial disposition, whilst he was acknowledged on all hands to be a man of great business acumen. His passing will be deeply regretted.

## PACIFIC FLIGHT PLANS.

### BRITISH MINISTER TRIES A NEW DIPLOMACY.

### GERMAN LEADERS ACCEPT INVITATION.

### FRANCE SUSPICIOUS.

London, Apr. 7.  
The German Chancellor, Dr. Brüning, and the German Foreign Minister, Dr. Curtius, have accepted the invitation extended to them by Mr. Arthur Henderson, the British Foreign Secretary, to visit London for a general discussion of current international problems.

No date has been fixed for the visit, which owing to existing engagements is unlikely to take place for some weeks.

The proposed meeting of Mr. Henderson, Dr. Curtius and Dr. Brüning continues to be widely discussed in Paris, where it is declared, in well-informed circles, that Mr. Henderson approached M. Briand with a similar invitation some weeks ago.

Contrary to earlier reports declaring that M. Briand had declined, it is now stated that he has reserved his reply which to a certain extent depends on home policy. It is regarded as possible that representatives of other Powers, particularly of Italy, may be invited. The newspapers in Paris are suspicious of the motive behind the British invitation. The *Echo de Paris*, believing M. Briand to have refused, forecasting "mischievous" consequences if France had accepted the flattering invitation after the thunderclap of the Austro-German customs agreement.—*British Wireless and Reuter.*

## THE ANGLOPHOBES DEFEATED.

### CHICAGO ELECTION RESULT.

Chicago, Apr. 7.  
As predicted, the election for the Mayorality of Chicago has resulted in an landslide against the Republican nominee, Big Bill Thompson, who has been defeated by "Tony" Cermak, the Democrat, whose programme included the sweeping away of corruption in the city's affairs.

The polling figures have not been officially announced, but unconfirmed figures have been published as follows:

Cermak (Dem.) . . . 516,107.  
Thompson (Rep.) . . . 354,902.

These figures give Cermak a majority of well over a hundred thousand.—*Reuter's American Service.*

## QUAKE PANIC AT MANAGUA.

### ANOTHER SHARP SHOCK YESTERDAY.

New York, Apr. 7.  
The remaining citizens of Managua, the quake-wrecked capital of Nicaragua, were thrown into serious panic once again to-day when a fresh sharp earthquake occurred this morning.

The shock was violent but brief, but there were no casualties.—*Reuter's American Service.*

## RUMOURED ATTEMPT FOR A THRONE.

### AMANULLAH MERELY GOING ON PILGRIMAGE.

Rome, Apr. 7.  
Widespread rumours that Amanullah, former King of Afghanistan, had sailed for the East to make an attempt to recapture his throne, are explained by the fact that he has sailed from Naples on Sunday for Mecca, to perform a pilgrimage to the Holy City.

## CROSSING OCEAN IN ONE HOP.

### SHANGHAI FLIERS PREPARING.

### FIRST NEWS OF BIG ADVENTURE.

### 3,600-MILE TRIP.

(Our Own Correspondent).

Shanghai, Apr. 8.  
Two American officers from Shanghai are planning to take off within the next week or ten days in an attempt to make the first aeroplane flight across the Pacific non-stop.

The airmen are Major F. N. Schumaker, and Lieut. Robert Short, and according to present arrangements they will take off at dawn on April 16 from Osaka, Japan, and will endeavour to make Seattle in one span.

City of Tacoma.

Both are veteran pilots, and are confident of success in their hazardous adventure. They will use the plane City of Tacoma II, in which Lieutenant Harold Bromley made an unsuccessful attempt to fly the Pacific last year. It will be recalled that he took off after many delays and return after running into bad weather. He expressed determination to try again this year, but has now placed his machine at the disposal of Major Schumaker and Lieut. Short.

Cable From Airmen.

A cable, signed by both airmen, received in Shanghai last night states that the plane is in perfect condition and that preparations for the flight are virtually complete.

The fliers will follow the Great Circle route which will take them over some 3,600 miles of ocean, a distance which has never previously been accomplished over water.

The journey will involve a flight almost entirely across the ocean. The fliers will skirt Kamchatka, and the Aleutian Islands. The plane has been equipped with special petrol tanks permitting of the carrying of sufficient petrol to complete a sustained flight of over 4,000 miles at a cruising speed of 120 m.p.h.

### Zeppelin's Trail.

The airmen hope, provided winds are favourable, to make their landing in Seattle within 30 hours of their take-off from Japan. The journey has only once been accomplished by air, during the historic round the world flight of the Graf Zeppelin.

## KIDSTON FLIGHT PRAISED.

### MAY MAKE FURTHER ATTEMPT ON RECORD.

London, Apr. 7.  
Lord Amulree, Secretary for Air, has sent a message of warm congratulation to Lieutenant Commander Glen Kidston on the successful completion of his flight to Cape Town in six and a half days, which breaks all previous records and which Lord Amulree describes as a very fine performance.

Press comment on the flight tonight is highly appreciative, and includes a suggestion that Kidston may make another attempt on the record for the whole or part of the South African air mail route on his return journey.—*British Wireless.*

London, Apr. 7.

In honour of the English Laureate, John Masefield, largely attended reception held today in the Hall of the University of London.

Mr. Masefield, who is now in London, will be the guest of the University of London.



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**LATE MISS NANCY  
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**LARGE ATTENDANCE AT  
FUNERAL.**

The funeral of the late Miss Nancy McNeillie took place at the Protestant cemetery, Happy Valley, yesterday afternoon, with the bereaved father, Mr. D. McNeillie, and brother, Mr. F. McNeillie, as chief mourners among a very large attendance.

On its arrival at the gates of the cemetery, the coffin was taken from the flower-laden hearse and borne by six friends to the graveside, these being Messrs. D. McNeillie, N. Currie, W. Bell, Snr., Atwell, W. Kerr and W. Bell, Jnr.

The service at the graveside was performed by the Rev. E. G. Powell.

Among those present were:—  
Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Whyte, Mr. and Mrs. W. Cunningham, Mr. and Mrs. M. Morrison, Mr. and Mrs. W. Wotherspoon, Mr. and Mrs. C. Summers, Amery, Mr. and Mrs. G. McLeod and John McLeod, Rev. and Mrs. E. G. Powell, Mr. and Mrs. J. Dalziel, Mr. and Mrs. B. Muir, Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Lacey, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Hickling, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Wallace, Mr. and Mrs. J. Laing, Mrs. J. Sloan, Mrs. McAlpine, Mrs. J. Mitchell, Miss J. Whyte, Miss Wallace, Miss Bell, Miss Finley.

Messrs. H. Hall, N. Currie, N. Drummond, J. MacPherson, J. Ferguson, T. Barker, C. C. Nelson, J. C. Chapman, A. H. R. Phillips, M. O'Brien, D. Gow, J. P. Jones, J. Russell, D. Young, C. B. Matthews, Moffat, F. Souter, C. B. Matthews, H. Hume, W. Bell, W. Kerr, A. T. Hamilton, W. Brown, J. A. Watson, W. Weir, J. McCormack, A. Young, D. Spiers, M. E. Key, J. Wattie, R. D. Bell, E. R. Dovey, N. Drummond, J. J. Gardner, F. W. Ramsay, F. J. Shervall, B. E. Fielder, T. Swann, C. W. E. Bishop, R. K. Duncan, W. Bell, Jnr., R. M. Keown, D. Walsley, W. Crichton, H. M. McTavish and H. L. F. Ewin.

Mass of Wreaths.

There were numerous wreaths, these being from Mother and Father, Alice and Aunt, Gertrude and Fred, Betty, Jenny, Ian, Freda, Diaphane and Maurice, Rhexie, Jo, Nan and Cathie, Maurice, Muriel and Nora, Ian, Betty and Norman, Susie and Alice, Joyce and Edna, Bertie, Betty and Nelly, Jenny and Malcolm, "to his dear teacher," Mr. and Mrs. W. Weir, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. McTavish, Mr. and Mrs. J. Rattey, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Burn, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Bunje, Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Fielder, Mr. and Mrs. Peoples, Mr. and Mrs. R. Gray, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. N. Andrews, Rev. and Mrs. E. G. Powell, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Kinnaid, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Jeffreys, Betty and Peggy, Mr. and Mrs. T. Young, Mr. and Mrs. Amery, Capt. and Mrs. Groundwater and family, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Shervall and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. Wattie, Mr. and Mrs. G. Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Clemo, Rev. and Mrs. Frank Short, Mr. and Mrs. McIntosh, Mr. and Mrs. Booker and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. Russell, Meg and Ellen, Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Bird and Frank.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Wotherspoon, Mr. and Mrs. G. McLeod and family, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Keck, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Duck, Mr. and Mrs. A. Foster, Mr. and Mrs. Babbage, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Chapman and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. Harrop, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. O'Connor, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Barclay, Mr. and Mrs. J. Gardner, Mr. and Mrs. D. Young, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Dinnon, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Fraser and family, Mr. and Mrs. E. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. A. MacIndoe, Mr. and Mrs. Sloan and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Rodger, Mr. and Mrs. Morrison, Mr. and Mrs. J. Moodie, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Summers, Mr. and Mrs. J. McCormack and Mrs. Ogilvie, Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham and Ian, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. R. Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. A. Chapman, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. White, Mr. and Mrs. J. Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. G. Gerrard, Mr. and Mrs. Capt. and Mrs. Kettlewell, Mr. and Mrs. J. Laing, and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. D. Gow, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Walsley, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. J. Tully, Mr. and Mrs. Grimes and Muriel, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Buchanan and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. Kerr, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Oswald, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. J. Whyte, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Polson, Mr. and Mrs. Seath, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Atwell, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Bell, Mr. and Mrs. N. Drummond, Rev. and Mrs. J. Horace Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. J. Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. Shervall, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Hillyer, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Ramsay, Mr. and Mrs. B. Whyte, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Ramsay, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Wallace, Mr. and Mrs. S. Boulton and Miss Boulton, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Lammer, Mr. and Mrs. J. Finkle, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Wilson, and Mr. and Mrs. J. Hyde and family.

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Eunice and Eileen-de Biere, Miss Adair, Miss A. E. E. Steele, Miss MacArthur, Miss I. W. Butler, Miss Westland and Miss Kerr; Eileen Bliss, Evelyn O'Hagan, Marjorie Bird, Evelyn M. Gray, Winifred Lawson, Catherine O. Crouther, Winifred Sutton.

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**CHINESE & DIVORCE.**

**THIRTY-EIGHT CASES IN THE  
MONTH AT SHANGHAI.**

Shanghai, Apr. 7.  
February of Chinese couples who sought divorces in Greater Shanghai territory.—Our Own Correspondent.

St. Andrews Club; The Reel Club, Hongkong Football Club, Taikoo Club, Taikoo Mess, Taikoo Dockyard and Engineering Co.; Superintendent's Department, China Navigation Co. and The Teachers and Scholars, Quarry Bay School.

**CHICAGO'S MAYOR.**

**FINAL PREPARATIONS  
FOR POLLING.**

Chicago, Apr. 7.  
Any previous deficiencies in a forceful statement of their case by protagonists of the Mayoralty campaign have been fully made up for by the two candidates' stinging "last words" before the microphone before midnight, in preparation for to-day's poll to decide whether the Democrat, "Tony" Carmak, shall oust "Big Bill" Thompson, as the betting odds at present suggest.  
Thompson announced that he will not seek office again. He has not lacked energy in the present campaign, assisted by his famous circus donkeys, mules and camels bearing electioneering labels, which have been not only a frequent sight in the streets but have actually appeared in the city hall.  
Carmak's supporters, wearing buttonholes of miniature brooms symbolising a clean sweep of crime and corruption, concluded their campaign with a grand parade, and are confidently expecting a favourable landslide.—  
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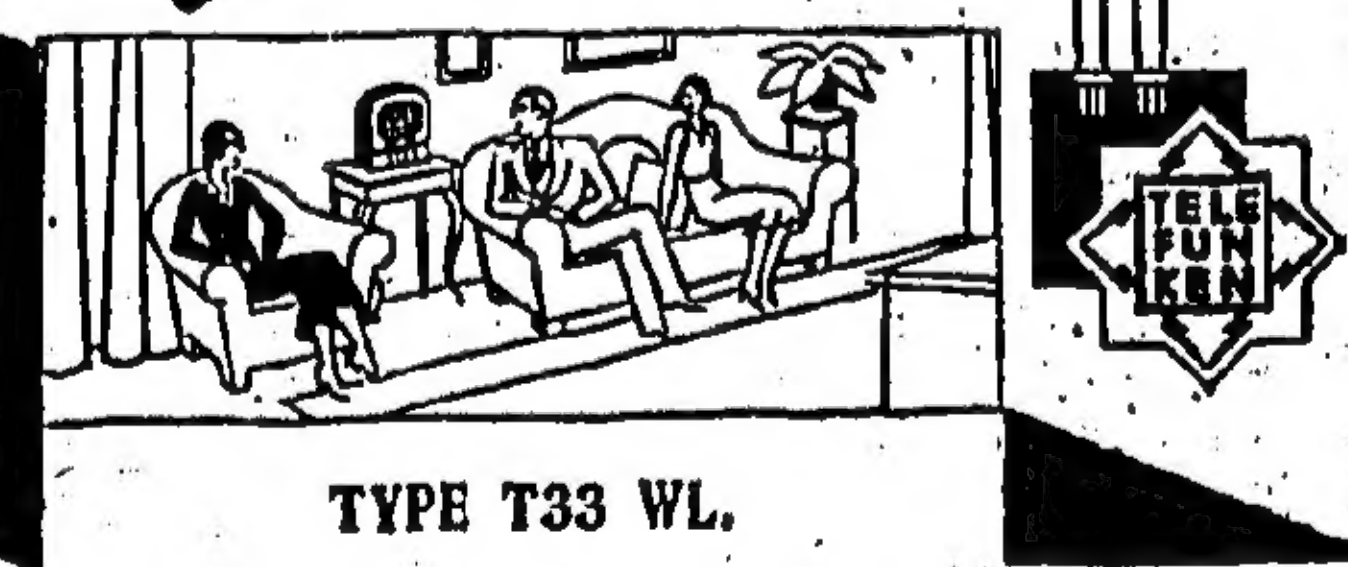
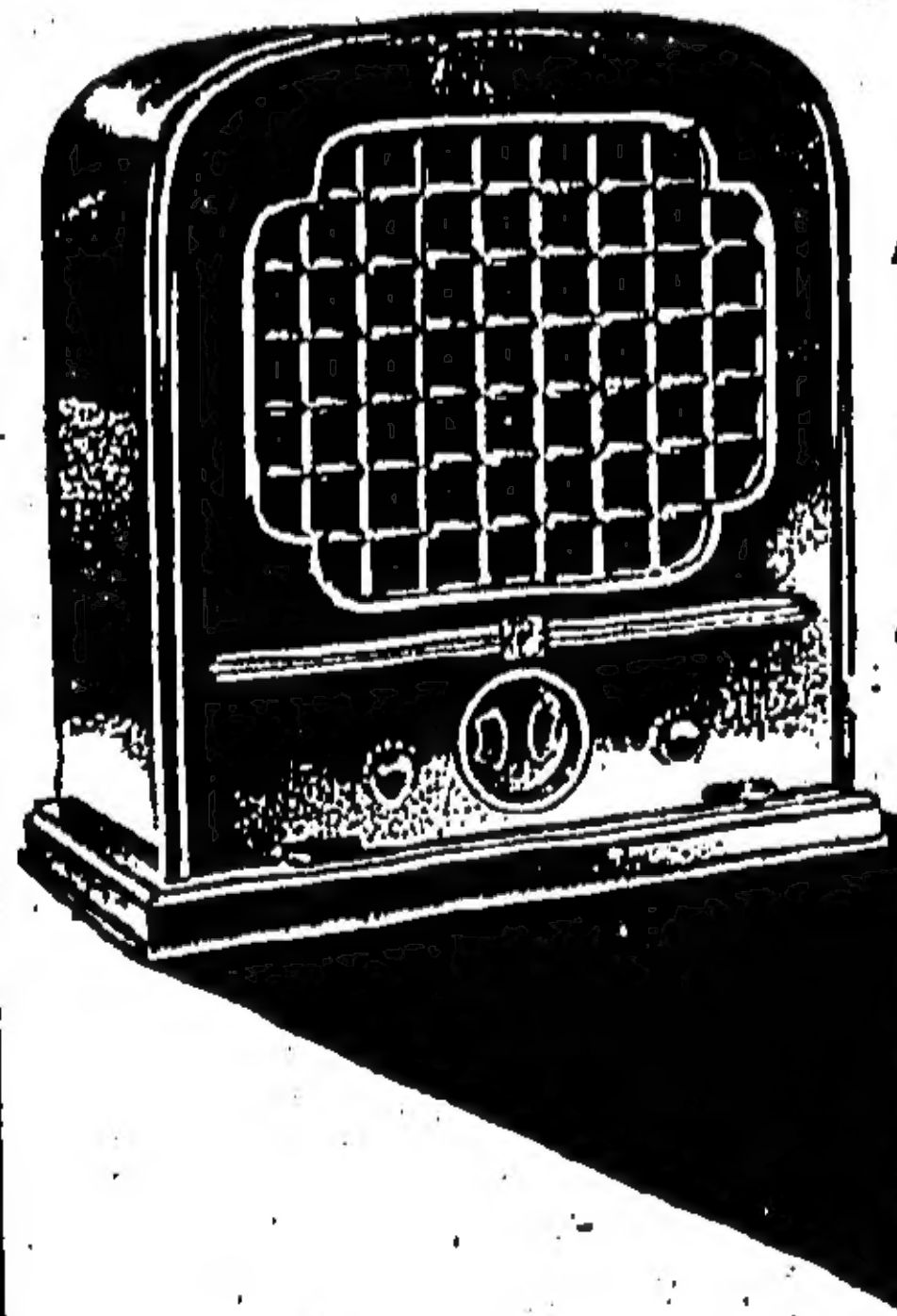
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A new picture of the King and Queen taken at Windsor Castle recently.



Photo taken after the wedding in New York of Mr. B. Friedman and Miss Shirley Immorman. Friedman was formerly a noted star on the football field.



Max Schmeling, arriving in New York to train for his Stribling contest.



Lady Wilkins, wife of the famous explorer, is reported to have expressed a desire to join the trip of the Nautilus to the North Pole. It is understood that Sir Hubert has consented.



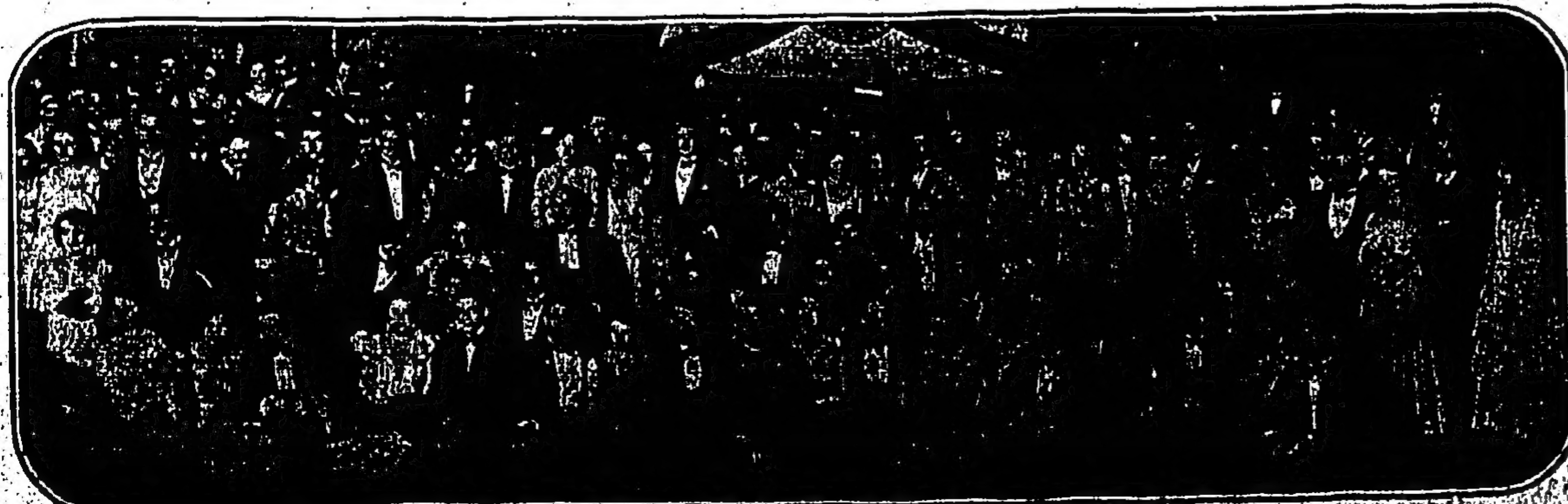
Our photo shows Bobby Jones, the world's leading golfer, and Max Schmeling the heavyweight champion of the world, during a match at Atlanta recently.



Photo taken in rural Arkansas showing the Post Office at Lost Corner which is being used as a relief centre. Right, is one of the drought victims going home with supplies obtained from the relief organisations.



The American sextette and their second stringers, who defeated China by 31 to 25 in the final of the ladies' section of the International Basketball Championship in Shanghai recently.



Our photo, taken in Shanghai recently, shows part of the crowd of gay revellers at the dance given by the Armoured Car Company of the Shanghai Volunteer Corps. Brig. Gen. MacNaughton, Captain J. W. Hinchliffe, and the O.C.'s of other Companies were among the guests.



"Zize", a beautiful blue angora cat belonging to Mr. H. Waklam, Managing Director of City Realty Co., Ltd. Shanghai.



Mr. A. B. Ingalls, who inherits \$635,000,000 under the will of Mrs. Taft.

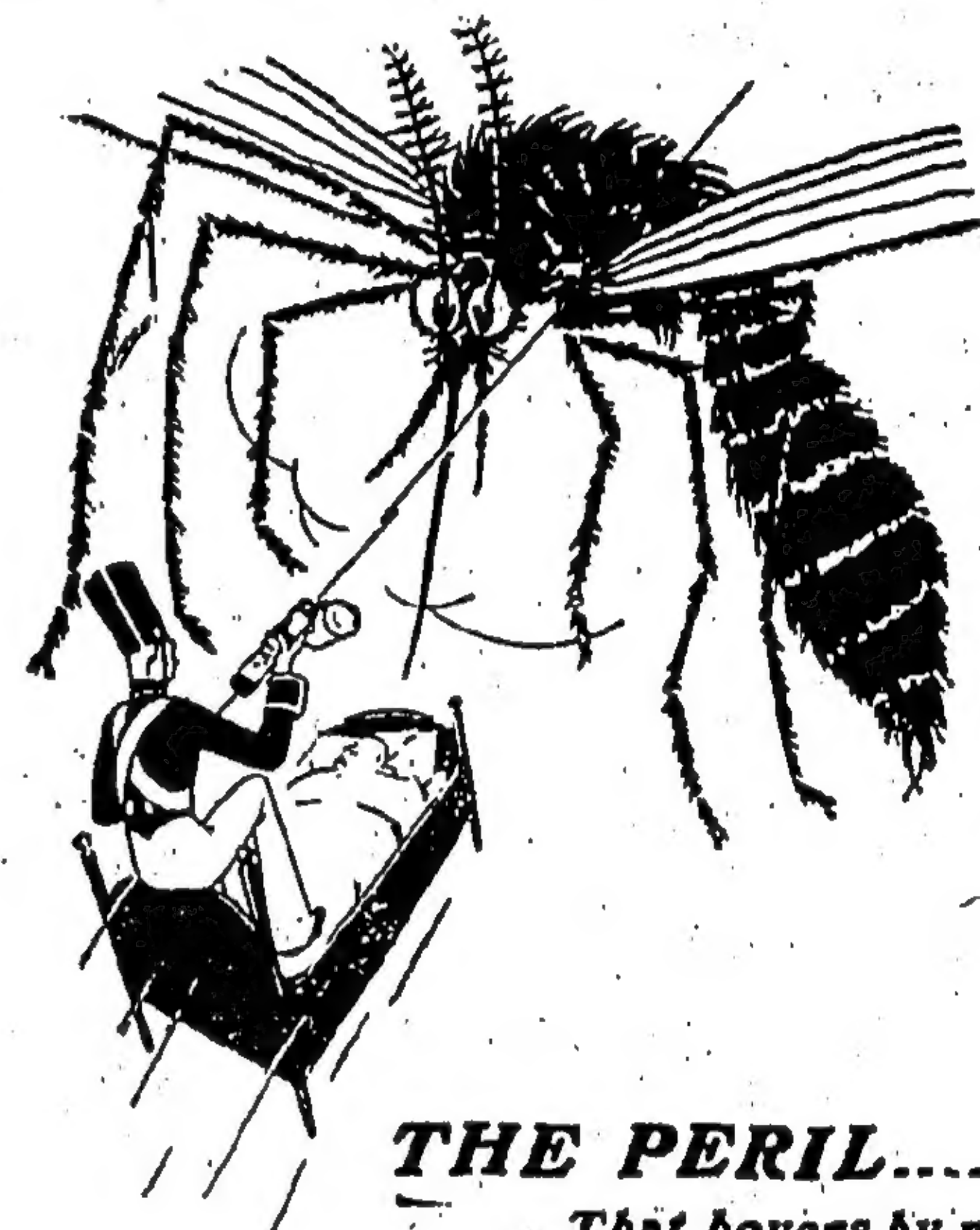


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The following replies have been received:—  
667, 671, 678, 683, 685, 691, 695,  
705, 709, 720, 722, 727, 729, 732,  
733, 734, 737, 738, 753, 766, 772,  
773, 776, 778.

## SITUATIONS WANTED.

WANTED.—An energetic Chinese youth who has qualified in the recent Matriculation Exam. of the Hongkong University, seeks employment as a clerk in any firm. Write Box No. 780, "Hongkong Telegraph."

## LOST.

LOST.—KODAK CAMERA in BROWN LEATHER CASE, left hanging on the upper deck of a "VENETIAN" on the return trip from Macau on Monday, April 6. Finder please communicate with Box No. 779, "Hongkong Telegraph." Reward.

LOST.—Black SHEEP DOG. Last seen on Jubilee Road. If found please telephone Mr. Igglesden, Leigh & Orange.

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BENJAMIN & POTTS.  
Dated the 1st day of April, 1931.

## NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that we have to-day admitted Mr. Shi Yu Man as a partner in our firm.

BENJAMIN & POTTS.  
Dated the 1st day of April, 1931.

## NOTICE.

I hereby give notice that I have retired from the firm of Messrs. Benjamin & Potts as from the 31st day of March, 1931, and have opened offices at Exchange Building where I am carrying on business as a Stock and Share Broker as from the date thereof under the style or firm name of "Croucher & Co."

N. V. A. CROUCHER.  
Dated the 1st day of April, 1931.

## NOTICE.

On and after 1st April next, the Hongkong Dispensary Drug Store and the Wine Department, will observe the following hours of business.

8.30 a.m. to 5 p.m. except Saturdays, when both Stores will close at 1 p.m.  
The Hongkong Dispensary, Dispensing Department, will be open.  
On week days until 7.30 p.m.  
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By Order of the Board.

D. L. KING,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, 1st April, 1931.

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Notice is hereby given that as from 7th April next, this Bank will occupy New Premises at 5, Des Voeux Road, Central. (Opposite present Office).

C. J. ENDELT,  
Manager.

Hongkong, 30th March, 1931.

## SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.  
The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

## Banks.

Hongkong Bank, \$2040 aa.  
Chartered Bank, £16 n.  
Mercantile A. and B., £24½ n.  
East Asia \$118 b.

## Insurances.

Canton Ins., \$13.80 n.  
Union Ins., \$380 b.  
China Underwriters, \$430½ n.  
China Fire, \$525 n.  
H. K. Fire Ins., \$1300 n.

## Shipping.

Douglas, \$24½ n.  
H. K. Steamboats, \$25½ b.  
Indo-China, (Def.) \$30 n.  
Union Waterboats, \$35½ n.

## Mining.

Benguet, \$9½ b.  
Kallang, \$3/9 n.  
S'hai Explorations, Tls. 5/½ n.  
Rauha, \$38½ b.  
Venz: Goldfields, \$37.75 b.

## Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$161 n.  
Whampoa Docks, \$29½ n.  
South China Motors \$10 n.  
China Providents, \$5.10 b.  
Hongkows, Tls. 282 b.  
New Engineers, Tls. 6½ b.  
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 113 b.

## Cottons.

Ewo Cotton Tls. 14.85 n.  
S'hai Cotton Tls. 108½ b.

## Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, \$14.40 b.  
H. K. Land \$85 aa.  
S'hai Land Tls. 418 b.  
Humphreys, \$16.50 n.  
Realties, \$11.30 n.

## Public Utilities.

Tramways, \$17½ n.  
Peak Trams, (old) \$14½ n.  
Star Ferris, \$91 n.  
China Lights, (old) \$24.70 n.  
H. K. Electric, \$78½ b.  
Telephones, \$49 b.  
China Buses, Tls. 18.20 n.  
Singapore Traction, 5/6 n.

## Industrials.

China Sugars, 80 cts. n.  
Malabons \$40 n.  
Canton Ice, \$3.30 n.  
Cements (Comb.) \$16.90 n.  
Ropes, \$13.40 b.

## Stores, etc.

Dairy Farms, \$24½ b.  
Watson, \$12.60 n.  
Der A. Wings, \$1 n.  
Lane Crawfords, \$4.60 b.  
Macintosh, \$20 n.  
Sinceres, \$13½ n.  
Povells \$2.85 n.

## Miscellaneous.

Amusements, \$20½ b.  
Constructions, \$6 n.  
B'que Ind. G. Bonds, \$68½ b.

## THE HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Third Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 18th April, 1931, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Race Course, Hongkong Club and Causeway Bay Stables.  
Entries close at 12 o'clock noon on Thursday, 9th April, 1931.

## PUPILS' RECITAL.

## YOUTHFUL MUSICAL TALENT AT CHURCH HALL.

Visitors to St. Andrew's Church Hall yesterday were charmed with the pianoforte recital given by the pupils of Mrs. Suiter, the well-known Kowloon teacher of music, and displayed warm appreciation of the programme presented.

Both Mrs. Suiter and her pupils have every reason to be satisfied with the success of the recital. From the youngest to the most advanced, the performers revealed, in style as well as technique, that they had been trained in a most thorough and painstaking manner, and further that they had benefitted to the full by this.

One may not have been able to point to a genius, but of talent, and real talent too, there was abundance, with every promise of greater things in the future. In fact Mr. George Grimbly was perhaps not far wrong when he said, in addressing the pupils, that three hours a day practice continually for ten years, would make them some of the best pianists Hongkong had ever produced.

There were, amongst this offering of pleasing variety, one or two outstanding successes, foremost among them being Clement Leong's interpretation of "Liebestraum" No. 3 (Liszt). This clever young pianist displayed excellent technique, embodying very sympathetic appreciation of the subtle phrases and a pleasing firmness of touch in the fast moving cadenzas.

Fuki Inouye, one of Mrs. Suiter's most advanced and accomplished pupils, gave two delightful renditions, selecting numbers with which she was completely happy. Her "Valse Alsacienne" and "Hexantanz" were both given admirable treatment, a prominent feature of her playing being a strong and rhythmic left hand. Miss Isabel Pestonji gave two neat numbers by Chopin and Schumann, the former being Nocturne in F Minor and the latter, Nocturne op. 12. Both were thoroughly appreciated, though of the two, Nocturne showed the player in her best mood.

Beatrice Pestonji, amongst the juniors, displayed a nice sense of the artistic in her interpretation of Gnomes op. 10, the youthful pianist making the most of the staccato movements in this merry little score.

Marian Gardner played Mendelssohn's "Song Without Words," and here again the success of painstaking coaching was evident.

The younger element all acquitted themselves with the fullest honours. Those taking part were Agnes Long, Clement Leong, Dorothy Tremmer, Eddie Burford, Doris Frith, Freddie Clemo, Thelma Alvares, Betty Evans, Jean Fraser, Etta Nicholl, Olive Gardner, Andre Pestonji, Margaret Macfayden, Clarie Leong, Augusta Stokkink, Dorothy Tolan, Daphne Weir, Isabel Pestonji, Phyllis Todd, Edith Wood, Joy Barker, Mary Clendinning, Fuki Inouye, Alice Wood, Marian Gardner, Sanna Ohta, Beatrice Pestonji, Stella Bander, Lorna Tolan.

At the conclusion, Mr. George Grimbly introduced Mrs. Cock, who later presented the Trinity College certificates to the successful pupils. Mr. Grimbly also offered a few words of useful advice to these pianists in the making.

## NEW YORK'S \$50,000,000 AMUSEMENT SCHEME.

## WORK TO BE STARTED ON THREE SKYSCRAPERS.

An architect's model of Rockefeller City, in which, it is hoped, the drama, the films and opera will be produced for the edification not only of those present, but for millions at distant points, through the ultimate perfection of television, has been placed on display at the office of Todd, Robertson and Todd, the engineering corporation which will supervise the construction.

The project, on which work will start on June 16, marks the designer's hopes for the development of the Metropolitan Building into a large area, united and correlated as to light and air.

The group, covering three ordinary New York blocks, which will be finished in three years' time, will cost, with the land, approximately \$50,000,000 dollars (\$50,000,000), and will be built around three severely truncated skyscrapers.

The central one is to be occupied by the National Broadcasting Company and will have 65 storeys. This building will be flanked by two 45-storey buildings about midway between Fifth and Sixth Avenues.

In the centre of the Fifth Avenue frontage there will be an oval building of 14-storeys resembling a gigantic jewel box on the ground storey of which will be a bank, with the upper floors devoted to show-rooms, shops and restaurants.

Ventilation difficulties have forced the abandonment of the plan for a subterranean garage and it is possible that a parking tower may be included in the final group.

## POST OFFICE NOTICE.

## RADIO NOTICES.

Individuals and firms are recommended to register their telegraphic addresses at the Radio Office. No charge is made for this. Letters and postcards for Europe and South America are forwarded "via Siberia" if so superscribed.

## INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Date
Amoy and Swatow	Cremor	April 8.
Java	Tjibodaa	April 8.
Calcutta and Straits	Takada	April 9.
Shanghai and Swatow	Sunning	April 9.
Japan and Amoy	Tjiliwoong	April 9.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia (London 21st March)	Mirzapore	April 9.
Europe via Suez (Letters and papers, London 12th March and parcels 6th March)	Kalyan	April 9.
Japan, Shanghai and Europe via Siberia (London 20th March)	Karmala	April 10.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai (Seattle 21st March)	Pres. Jefferson	April 10.
Japan and Shanghai	Hikawa Maru	April 12.
Shanghai and Amoy	Tjingara	April 12.
Manila	Shinyo Maru	April 12.
Australia and Manila	Changte	April 13.
Australia and Manila	Kitano Maru	April 14.
Japan and Shanghai	Angers	April 14.

## OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date and Time
Shanghai and *Europe via Siberia	Aneas	Wed., Apr. 8, 3.30 p.m.
Sam Shui and Wuchow	Fook On	Thurs., Apr. 8, 4 p.m.
Straits	Cremor	Thurs., Apr. 9, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Dell Maru	Thurs., Apr. 9, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow	Hydrangea	Thurs., Apr. 9, 3 p.m.
Amoy	Taiyuan	Thurs., Apr. 9, 3.30 p.m.
Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America and *Europe via Vancouver B. C.	Emps. of Asia	Thurs., Apr. 9.

Parcels ..... 3 p.m.  
Registration ..... 4.15 p.m.  
Letters ..... 5 p.m.  
(Due Vancouver B. C. 27th Apr.)

Shanghai and \*Europe via Siberia ..... Emps. of Asia ..... Thurs., Apr. 9.  
Registration ..... 4.15 p.m.  
Letters ..... 5 p.m.

Hailow, Pakhoi and Haiphong ..... Kingyuan ..... Fri., Apr. 10, 10.30 a.m.  
Swatow, Amoy and Fochow ..... Hail Ning ..... Fri., Apr. 10, 2 p.m.

Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles Karmala ..... Sat., Apr. 11.

Parcels ..... Apr. 10, 4.30 p.m.  
Registration ..... Apr. 11, 9 a.m.  
Letters ..... 10 a.m.  
(Due Marseilles 9th May.)

Japan and \*Canada via Victoria B.C. Ixion ..... Sat., Apr. 11, 10 a.m.  
(Due Victoria B.C. 7th May.)

Fochow via Swatow ..... Cheongshing ..... Sat., Apr. 11, 5 p.m.  
Amoy ..... Anshun ..... Sat., Apr. 11, 5 p.m.  
Amoy and Japan ..... Takada ..... Sat., Apr. 11, 5 p.m.  
Shanghai and \*Europe via Siberia ..... Takada ..... Sat., Apr. 11.

Registration ..... 5 p.m.  
Letters ..... 6 p.m.

Bangkok via Swatow ..... Kwangchow ..... Sun., Apr. 12, 9 a.m.  
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa ..... Canton Maru ..... Sun., Apr. 12, 9 a.m.  
Hailow and Bangkok ..... Kiangsu ..... Mon., Apr. 13, 12.30 p.m.

Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu and \*San Francisco

Shinyo Maru ..... Tues., Apr. 14.  
Registration ..... Apr. 13, 5 p.m.  
Letters ..... Apr. 14, 8.30 a.m.  
(Due San Francisco 8th May.)

Manila and Java via Sourabaya ..... Tjingara ..... Tues., Apr. 14, 8.30 a.m.  
Salmon, \*Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, \*Egypt and \*Europe via Marseilles

Angers ..... Tues., Apr. 14.  
K.P.O.  
Registration ..... 1 p.m.  
Letters ..... 1 p.m.

Registration ..... 1.45 p.m.  
Letters ..... 2.30 p.m.  
(Due Marseilles 16th May.)

Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles

Hector ..... Tues., Apr. 14.  
K.P.O.  
Registration ..... 4.30 p.m.  
Letters ..... 4.30 p.m.

Registration ..... 5 p.m.  
Letters ..... 6 p.m.  
(Due Marseilles 13th May.)

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Demure or vivacious, youth has its own fashions this spring.

Left: A square cut decolette, quaint ruffled short sleeves, and a dash of black velvet give naivete to a party frock for Miss 18, fashioned of chiffon in the new pastel blue Paris is wearing.

Right: For the dashing young Miss, spring is personified in a crisp white party frock of plain and embroidered organdie, combined so that the poplin bodice and tight hip yoke is embroidered, the flaring skirt plain white and the little off-the-shoulder bertha of the plain organdie. A bow and dash of black velvet accents the whiteness of this sweet frock.

### YOUR CHILDREN.

[By Olive Roberts Barton.]

I felt like snatching the baby up in my arms and running, not only because it would have been a good excuse for me to retreat from the lion house, but because it was very cruel for her to be there.

She had babbled with delight at the birds, the silly peacocks spreading their tails and slowly turning to be admired, the clown crow performing before an amused audience. In the monkey house she had matched stares with an old blue-faced baboon and won, for the monkey has no fondness for eye-to-eye conflict.

Outside she ringed her small nose in the wire around the deer pen. She liaped "buffalo" after her father when he told her "what one funny fighn" were.

Then a turn and they were in the house where leo fells, his brothers and consorts were getting hungry for their five o'clock tea. Across the wide stone aisle Bengal tigers were blinking their narrow eyes, and licking their whiskers.

That Awesome Roar.

Suddenly there was a hollow roar. You know the sound. No one can describe it. It is characteristic of the lion's voice that it cannot be located. It comes from everywhere at once, behind you, before you, beside you, engulfing you in a cataclysm that sends fresh horror down the spine with every volley.

And that baby was frantic with terror. Her eyes became fixed, then her face reddened and she started to whimper in a little low tired voice. A lusty shriek would have been less ominous. She

grabbed her father's leg with both arms and buried her face in his knee.

"What's the matter, Donnie? Look up. The lion can't hurt you. See the bars? He can't get out. Don't be a cry-baby—everybody's looking at you." Come on up closer. Look! You want to see the lions, don't you?"

But there was no answer. The little body was trembling; she held on to that sheltering leg with a death clutch. He couldn't shake her loose.

Other roars followed. I retreated to sanctuary but said as I passed the baby, "Better take her out. I'm as scared as she is."

This time her father pried her loose and got her up in his arms. He was still talking to her about that nothing was going to hurt her, and being a cry-baby. But she was far past hearing.

Many of us have "lions" of many sorts that we spring on the children. We're never going to overcome their dreads by sudden shocks. And little children like this baby don't need this type of awesome education anyway until a little later. Bravery never was introduced by fear.

### STOCKING HANGERS.

The tidy woman will appreciate the new hangers for her stockings, which keep the pairs together and do away with a muddled stocking drawer. The hangers are the usual shape, made of satin-covered wood, with numbers of tiny painted wooden pegs in the shape of clothes pegs, fixed to the hanger. Each peg opens to grip the top of a pair of stockings, and the hangers may be suspended in the usual way in a wardrobe or cupboard.

### A BEAUTY HINT.

#### The Hair in Spring.

Spring always brings its hair problems. Tight-fitting hats, too little exercise and fresh air, a run-down condition of health, all make for a drab, lack-lustre appearance of the hair. The remedies are simple enough as a rule, being just scalp exercise and a scrupulous attention to cleanliness. The scalp, like the rest of the body, needs plenty of exercise if the tissues are to remain healthy and the hair itself be glossy and full of vitality. Five minutes every morning must be devoted to vigorous brushing with a clean brush—clean every day, please. Make sure you brush right down the hair from root to tip.

This must be supplemented by nightly massage with some cleansing liquid which suits the character of the scalp. Eau-de-Cologne cannot be praised too highly as a tonic and antiseptic for oily scalps. Where the hair shows a tendency to being brittle it is better to use a tonic containing some essential oil. Your hairdresser's advice should be sought with regard to this, because the percentage of oil required by different types of hair varies considerably.

During the massage the fingers should gently pinch the scalp all over, at the same time it must be pushed up and down, forwards and backwards, with a firm enough pressure to encourage good circulation.

In addition to this daily exercising there should be a weekly oil bath, using warm olive or almond oil. This can be followed next day by the shampoo, care being taken to get a really good lather, and to rinse thoroughly. Careless rinsing is often the cause of dandruff.

Blondes will find that lemon juice in the last water brings out the lights in their tresses, and brunettes will find a tablespoonful of vinegar serve the same purpose for them.

### BOOK ENDS.

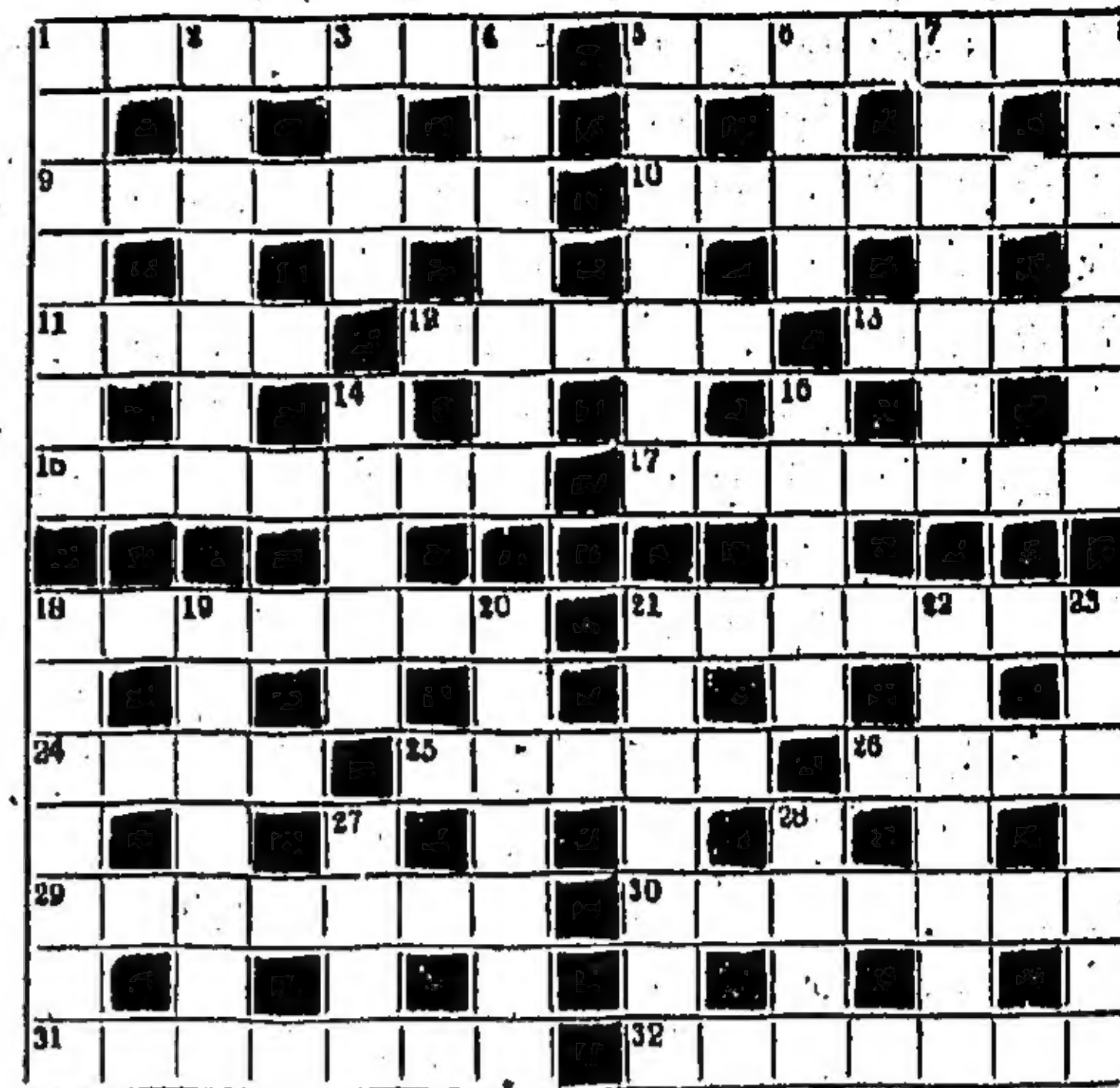
A pair of charming book ends which would be appreciated by a connoisseur are fashioned of Italian marble in the form of an open book. Sitting in the centre of the book at one end is Pierrot, and at the other Pierrette, coyly glancing at one another.

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#### Across

- 1 Why huddle when everybody tries to get one?
- 5 This short, light musket is partly mechanical and partly vegetable.
- 9 The colour of a small wild flower popularised by Baroness Orczy.
- 10 Quote in red for this, and let it be told.
- 11 The irrepressible excitement, and so forth, is rather fun, I think (hidden).
- 12 This may be extracted from gum—but have gas!
- 13 D'you know her? By Jupiter, I expect you do!
- 16 This may run round your garden without ever tiring.
- 17 Quite likely, and very suitably, this may flow rapidly from its first syllable, and be in a deuce of a tear at the end.
- 18 and this starts from the same high point, and winds up with an even greater outburst on the water line.
- 21 Ancestry.
- 24 Even, if he were ever so far away, a miser would still be this.
- 25 A foreign nobleman whose title will this in America when seeking a wealthy bride.
- 26 This part of any textile makes a good covering.
- 29 Shakespearean sea-captain.
- 30 Link together.
- 31 Draws from—but one could not say that an artist this from life.
- 32 Nobby, but not necessarily fashionable.

#### Down

- 1 Frequently awarded in derision.
- 2 Turn into cash.
- 3 A little application is all you require, Stephanie (hidden).

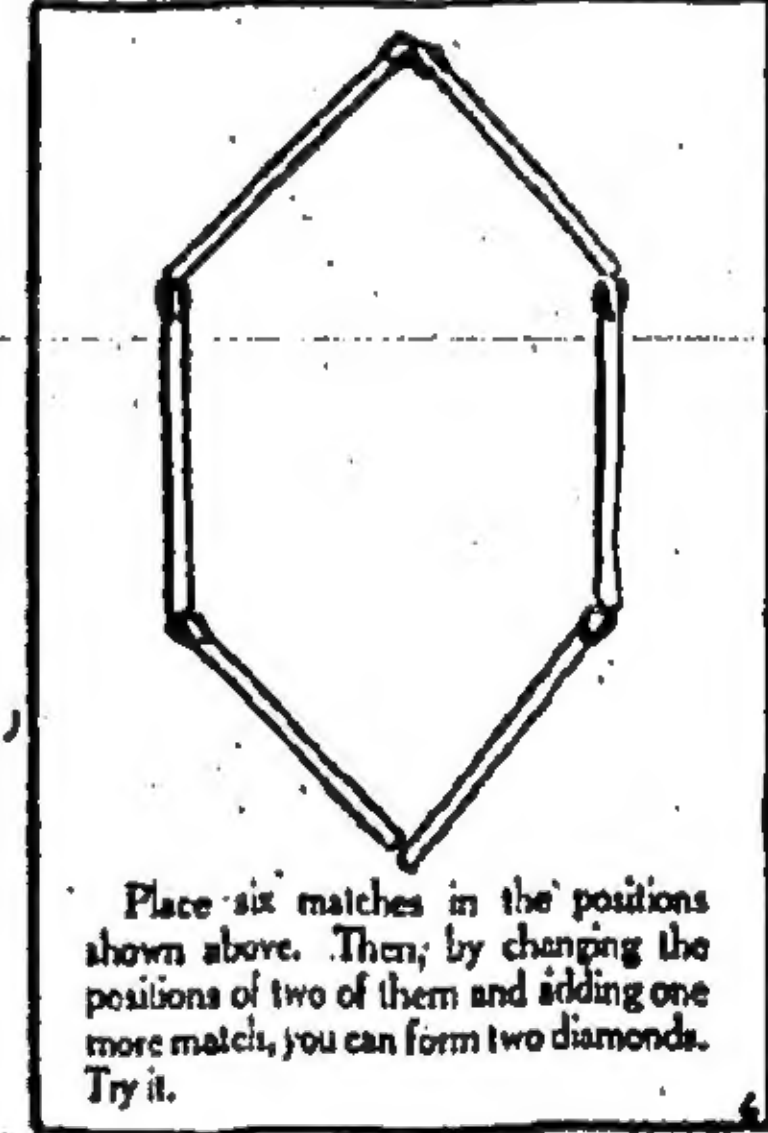
#### 4 Races.

- 6 When I down contains this fruit it is called a Garibaldi.
- 6 Nation.
- 7 It's the last part of this to go in when not wanted.
- 8 Most sides—all in fact—are in this position.
- 14 A famous Terry.
- 15 Elopement would always be sure of getting a ring in this little town.
- 18 Leather is tanned here (hyphenated).
- 19 "Do rest a" little in the shade. You look terribly hot (anag.).
- 20 Fragrant.
- 21 "You are thought here to be the most useless and fit man for the constable of the watch; therefore bear you the—"
- 22 "Much Ado About Nothing."
- 22 A lady's maid.
- 23 Edward the First's Queen.
- 27 The apex of this cone is down-ward.
- 28 Made very cold.

#### Yesterday's Solution

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### STICKERS



Place six matches in the positions shown above. Then, by changing the positions of two of them and adding one more match, you can form two diamonds. Try it.

### ROUSE.

#### AN ALLEGED CONFESSION.

A statement purporting to be a confession by Alfred Arthur Rouse, hanged for the murder of an unknown man in his blazing car, was published in the *Daily Sketch* on Mar. 11.

Rouse is said to have met his victim near the Swan and Pyramid public-house, in Whetstone High-

#### Yesterday's Solution

THE SUN IS DARTING RAYS OF GOLD UPON THE MOON, ENCHANTING SPOT, WHICH RAYE WICK BY RONALD DOWD UP OPEN TO HIS SHERRERS COE AND SUNDRY DENIERS OF AIR ARE FLUNG AWAY EACH TO HIS WEST AND EAGER MAKE AT SUCH AN HOUR ALL HASTE TO REACH THE MANSION BEST.

The names of the eight English poets, which are buried in the above lines are GRAY, MOORE, BYRON, POPE, DRYDEN, GAY, KEATS and HE. MANS, as shown by the large letters.

road, Middlesex, and bought a bottle of whisky.

"The man," the confession states, "was half-dozing—the effect of the whisky. I looked at him and then gripped him by the throat with my right hand. I pressed his head against the back of the seat. He slid down, his hat falling off. I saw he had a bald patch on the crown of his head."

The man was silent and I thought he was dead or unconscious. "Also, I poured petrol over the man, and loosened the petrol union joint, and took the top off the carburetor."

"I put the petrol can in the back of the car."

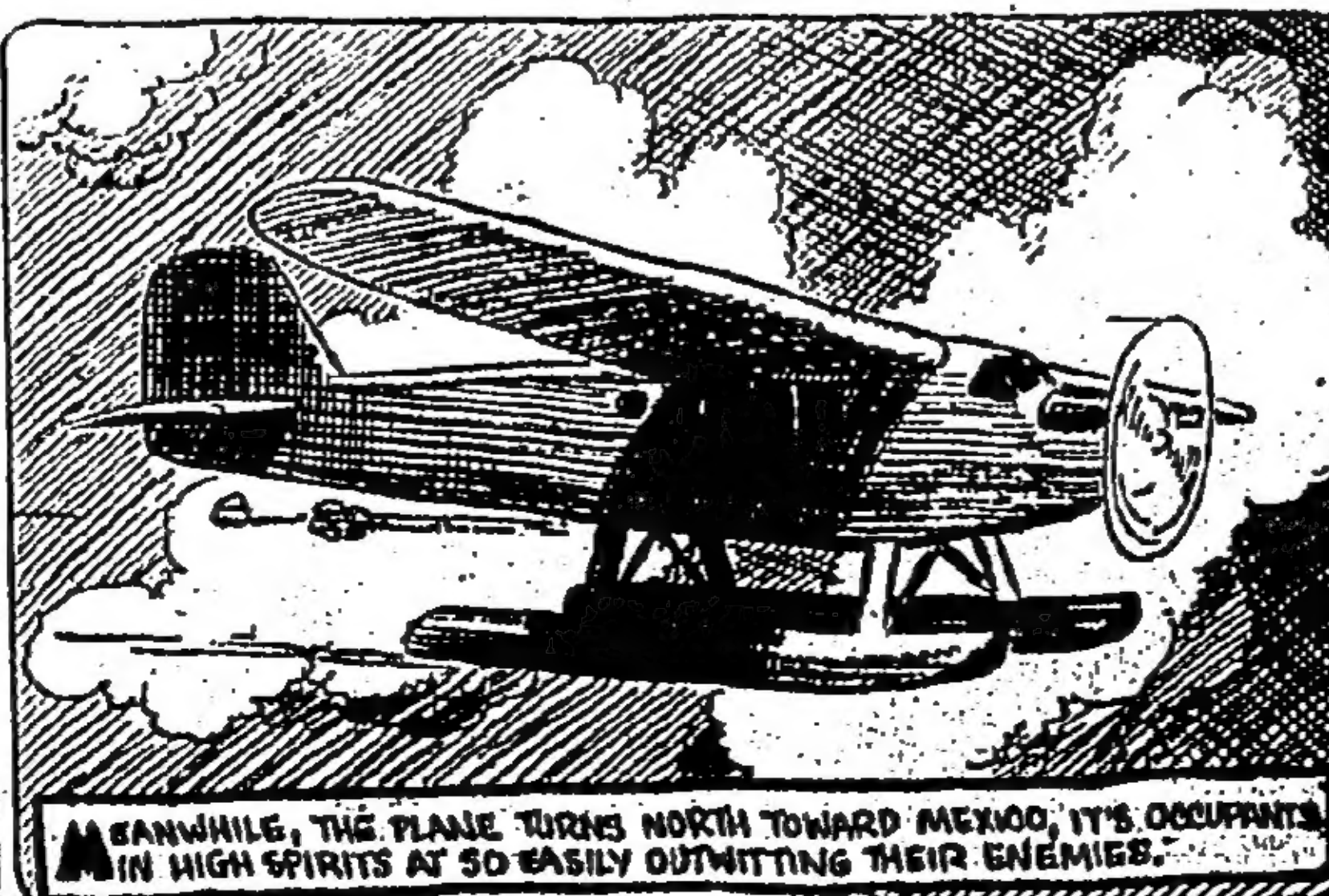
"I ran to the beginning of the petrol trail and put a match to it. The flame rushed to the car, which caught fire at once."

### FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS

#### EASY HIRES SEAPLANE.

HE AND COMPANIONS MET FAR OUT AT SEA, AND TAKEN OFF SHIP. HINDOOS IN RAGE!

THEY ARE HOPELESSLY LEFT BEHIND, AND CAN NOT REACH PANAMA FOR TWO MORE DAYS.



MEANWHILE, THE PLANE TURNS NORTH TOWARD MEXICO, ITS OCCUPANTS IN HIGH SPIRITS AT SO EASILY OUTWITTING THEIR ENEMIES.

### They're Off



SOON, HOWEVER, THEY ENCOUNTER STRONG HEAD WINDS, AND THE PILOT BECOMES UNEASY. COSTA RICA IS CLOSE BY, SIR. ADVISE TURNING IN THERE—WE'RE RUNNING A BIT LOW ON GAS.

COSTA RICA? BAH! THAT'S THE VERY PLACE THE WIND EXCEPT US TO HEAD FOR.

### By Blosser



BUT WE'LL NEVER MAKE MEXICO, SIR. STORM AREAS ARE REPORTED AHEAD OF US, AND THERE'S NOTHING BUT OPEN WATER FOR 200 MILES. A FORCED LANDING WOULD BE SUICIDE. WE'LL RISK IT, SIR, GO AHEAD.

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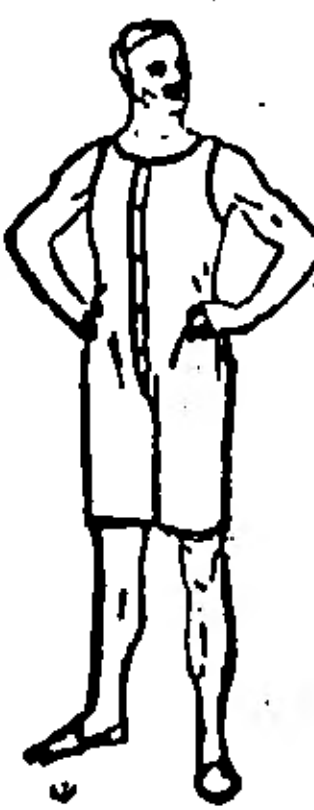
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| I'm painting the clouds with sunshine     |                           |
| 22242—Tip-Toe thru' the Tulips (Organ)    | Jesse Crawford            |
| Chant of the Jungle                       |                           |
| B-3291—Painting the Clouds with Sunshine  | Gracie Fields             |
| <b>"Say it With Songs"</b>                |                           |
| 1425—Little Pal                           | John McCormack            |
| I Love to hear you singing                |                           |
| 21951—Little Pal (Organ)                  | Jesse Crawford            |
| Why Can't You?                            |                           |
| 21952—Little Pal                          | Gene Austin               |
| Why Can't You?                            |                           |
| 21953—Why Can't You?                      | Shilkret-Victor Orchestra |
| Used to you                               |                           |
| 21954—Little Pal                          | Olsen's Music             |
| I'm in Seventh Heaven                     |                           |
| 22056—Now I'm in Love                     | Arheim's Orchestra        |
| One Sweet Kiss                            |                           |
| 22091—When you come to the end of the day | Paul Oliver               |
| Memories of One Sweet Kiss                |                           |
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### DEATH.

APCAR.—On April 6, 1931, at London Arratoon V. Apar died of heart failure.

## The Hongkong Telegraph.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 1931.

## THE BATHING BEACH CONTROVERSY.

The disinclination of the Government to supply comparative figures showing the use made of the Colony's public beaches within the past year or two will naturally create in the minds of the public a belief that the case for refusing to supply dressing accommodation for bathers cannot be strongly supported on the alleged ground of lack of support. This, however, was the reason—the only reason—given by the Colonial Secretary when he announced in Council last week that the public bathtubs at Tai Wan, Laichikok, Repulse Bay and North Point are not to be opened this season. Obviously, if the Government could back up its contention by facts and figures, it would not hesitate to do so. Refusal to release the statistics is likely to increase public hostility to the Government's policy rather than to allay it. Having drawn from the authorities an announcement of its decision, the Hon. Mr. Braga would be serving the public still further if he demanded, on their behalf, the tabling of the figures which, for reasons best known to itself, the Government at present does not feel inclined to disclose.

Possibly realising the weakness of its case on figures, the Government now falls back on retrenchment as an excuse for not continuing to provide the facilities which have hitherto existed and which, despite official statements to the contrary, have been freely used and widely appreciated. "The period of retrenchment" may serve as an explanation for the holding up of various schemes and plans, but to apply it to the case of the public bathing beaches, the yearly expenditure on which is a mere fleabite, is absurdity itself. Indeed, it is retrenchment gone mad. Mr. Creasy was yesterday at great pains to emphasise the point that the Government decision does not mean the closing of the public beaches, which will be still available for anyone who likes to apply for permission to erect a matshed. He also spoke of Government being quite willing to consider applications from syndicates wishing to erect sheds for public use. The

general public, however, will find small comfort in these assurances. We do not imagine that anyone for a moment took the Government's decision to imply any intention of placing barred wire around the beaches and preventing public access thereto, but, failing other interests stepping in and providing the facilities hitherto supplied by the Government, the beaches will be just as effectually closed, to the individual who cannot afford to erect his own shed, as if this were done. What the Government fails to realise is that there is a very considerable section of the public, people who are not members of any of the bathing clubs, and who do not own motor-cars or matsheds, who will be barred from enjoying summer bathing if the niggardly policy now announced is not reversed. It is for these people that we make a strong plea, which, if not responded to, will give support to the view expressed by the Rev. Mr. Armstrong that the Government is making a law for the rich against the poor.

The Colony may be badly hit as a result of the currency crisis, necessitating a regime of economy, but it surely cannot be seriously contended that we are so hard put to it that we must deprive the public of the opportunities for sea-bathing during the hot and steamy days of summer. This argument is just as unconvincing as the unsubstantiated excuse of lack of patronage. The Government seems to have an unfortunate knack of discriminating, unintentionally it may be, against those who are not blessed with an abundance of this world's goods. It may be due to thoughtlessness, but, whatever the reason, it is most regrettable. If the authorities wish to live down this impression, they cannot do better than, without further delay, to announce that reconsideration of the matter has produced a conviction that the public will suffer if the decision is enforced, coupling the announcement with an intimation that accommodation will continue to be provided.

### The Future of Airships.

The result of the exhaustive inquiry into the loss of the R.101 leaves the question of airship development in the future as open as it was before. The findings, briefly, are that the airship was not subjected to proper trials after a new section was built into her, that the stormy conditions prevailing would not normally have been severe enough to cause disaster, and that the downward plunge to destruction was caused by a catastrophic tear in the envelope and sudden loss of gas. The suggestion that the R.101 was in difficulties from the start of her last fatal cruise is not borne out by the evidence or by the Report of the Court presided over by Sir John Simon, although it is clear that the vessel was lying at a low altitude. The main criticism of her structure concerns the presence of protruding points within the framework likely to chafe the gas-bags and cause leakages. These facts stated and admitted, there appears very little in condemnation of the airship, or rather, of further airship experiment. Experience will certainly remedy the defects in the structure of the R.101; one assumes also that the greatest care will be taken to ensure adequate trials of future lighter-than-air vessels; while the American Government has already indicated willingness to provide non-inflammable gas. The result of the enquiry, therefore, will not end the controversy. It is more likely to create new discussion. There is some justification for the contention that the development of the aeroplane must soon be retarded, and that when the most has been made of this form of aircraft there will still be need for the airship. The time when aeroplanes will be able to carry the same paying loads as to-day for distances of 1,000 miles non-stop, allowing a 500-miles margin for headwinds, is not even in sight, while the slandered and now defunct R.101 has already demonstrated, to some extent, that the perfected airship would be capable of performing regular transport duties over even longer distances.

## DAY BY DAY

HE IS HAPPY WHOSE CIRCUMSTANCES SUIT HIS TEMPER; BUT HE IS MORE EXCELLENT WHO CAN SUIT HIS TEMPER TO ANY CIRCUMSTANCES. —Hume.

The P. and O. s.s. Karmala, from Shanghai, is due here at 9 a.m. on Friday.

The P. and O. s.s. Malwa from Hongkong arrived at London on the 3rd April at 5 a.m.

The health return for the five days of the holiday shows that three cases of diphtheria were reported. Apart from this, the Colony enjoyed a clean bill of health.

Messrs. Moutrie & Co., Ltd. have received a cable from Mr. A. Strok advising them that the performances by the Sakharoff Dancers have been cancelled for Hongkong.

Chau Fat-chu, an electrician of the Hongkong Electric Company, was removed to the Government Civil Hospital yesterday suffering from burns to his face and hands caused whilst working on the cable box between Nos. 45 and 47, Hennessy Road. It is thought that the man received the burns owing to a short circuit.

Convicted of a charge of unlawful possession of 1,080 heroin pills at 149, Hollywood Road, a Chinese woman who appeared before Mr. Williams at the Central Police Court this morning was fined \$500 or four months' hard labour in default. Three other men, two of whom were represented by Mr. D. R. Evans, were discharged.

Fire broke out at the Wong Kat Chau Vermilion Factory of Kowloon City shortly after mid-night and caused damage to the extent of about \$300 to the rafters of the premises. It is thought that the outbreak was due to over-heating of white lead cubes. The Kowloon Fire Brigade were summoned to the scene and extinguished the outbreak before it could reach a serious dimension.

For taking their boats outside the harbour limits, the mistresses of two cargo boats were charged before Commr. J. B. Newell, D.S.O., R.N., at the Marine Court this morning and were fined \$10 each. Defendants pleaded guilty, saying they had been engaged by the Texas Company to take kerosene to Kwai Chong, near Gin Drinklers' Bay. They were found in Ching Hui and they did not know that that was outside the harbour limits.

Owing to various reasons, the S.P.C.A. have until recently been unable to save the stray dogs captured by the police in Victoria. In future, they will be taken to the Dogs' Home and kept if possible until reclaimed or sold. This should give great satisfaction to all dog-lovers. Anyone in the island now missing his dog should enquire at the Dogs' Home or well as of the police, because the S.P.C.A. has arranged to collect all strays from the Kennedy Town kennels and take them to the Dogs' Home.

The League of Nations health bulletin of Eastern parts for the week ended March 25th shows the following cases, the deaths being indicated in brackets:—Flu, Bagdad 3 (1); Bombay 1 (1); Rangoon 1 (1); Colombo 3 (2); Pnom-Penh 0 (1); cholera, Calcutta 129 (60); Chittagong 2; Madras 7 (2); Pondicherry 26 (4); Bangkok 1 (1); Saigon 1 (1); cerebro-spinal fever, Batavia 1 (1); small-pox, Bombay 4 (2); Calcutta 75 (60); Chittagong 1; Cochín 14; Karachi 0 (2); Madras 9 (1); Moulin 3; Nagpur 1; Rangoon 2; Vizagapatnam 3 (1); Pondicherry 4 (4); Penang 2 (1); Saigon 0 (1); Canton 2; Shanghai 0 (2); Greater Shanghai 1; Port Arthur 2.

## Treaty Revision Talk.

By H. WILSON HARRIS.

FOR reasons of no consequence here I have just been re-reading—in part at least—the Treaty of Versailles. Talk about the revision of the Treaty still fills a good deal of the air, and in view of the disturbing tendency of Europe to divide itself into revisionists and anti-revisionists, there is reason enough for considering the problem of revision afresh.

It would clarify controversy considerably if we could dispel once for all the idea that the maligned Treaty stands in urgent need of wholesale revision.

It stands in need of nothing of the sort.

To put the thing numerically, the Treaty of Versailles consists of 440 articles. To at least 400 of them no moderate German could reasonably take serious exception—not to the point, at any rate, of demanding their revision. Of the remaining 40 (I doubt if there would really be anything like 40 when we got down to close examination) any moderate Frenchman would probably be willing to discard half a dozen or so. The ground of acute controversy might very well get narrowed down to about 20 articles.

### Not A Twentieth.

Of course, the numerical method is fallacious. The 440 articles of the Treaty are very far from having equal value. The few round which controversy centres may come near out-weighting all the rest in intrinsic importance. But it remains true all the same, that so far from needing to re-write the whole Treaty we need to re-write less than a twentieth part of it.

If, indeed, we need that. I am not at this juncture, admitting that need for a moment. I want simply to examine the question. And with this always in mind, that the fact that Germany may particularly dislike a certain article in the Treaty is not in itself any proof that that article ought to be revised. Germany (or any other nation in like case) is apt to attack a provision in a Treaty not because it is unjust, but because it is disagreeable. It may, of course, be both. It may, on the other hand, be both disagreeable and just.

### The "War Guilt" Clause.

On that basis consider one or two specific points. Germans are apt to put in the forefront of everything the notorious Article 231, ascribing to Germany and her allies sole responsibility for the war. There are, no doubt, diabolical in most Allied countries who would defend that mendacious and provocative declaration still (mendacious in so far as it ascribes to Germany not merely 90 per cent or 95 per cent, but an unabated 100 per cent. of war-responsibility), out.

Most level-headed people in all countries would be willing to wipe it out to-morrow, provided its removal was without prejudice to any other stipulation in the Treaty.

If Germany intends to say "I am no longer declared responsible, therefore I cannot be asked for reparations," then Article 231 will

long remain where it is. But as a mere academic pronouncement it ought to go.

Another very vulnerable clause is that forbidding the union of Austria with any other State except with the unanimous consent of the League of Nations Council. Does the Treaty need revision here? I think not. Revision is a cumbersome process. It would need the concurrence of all the original signatories. If Austria really wanted to part with her independence it would be much easier to get the 14 members of the League Council than the 27 signatories of the Treaty to agree to that, and the result would be the same.

### Disarmament.

In regard to the disarmament provisions there is equally little need for revision, unless indeed someone seriously desires to give Germany the right to re-arm. If what we really want is to persuade other nations to disarm, that calls for action outside the Treaty, not revision.

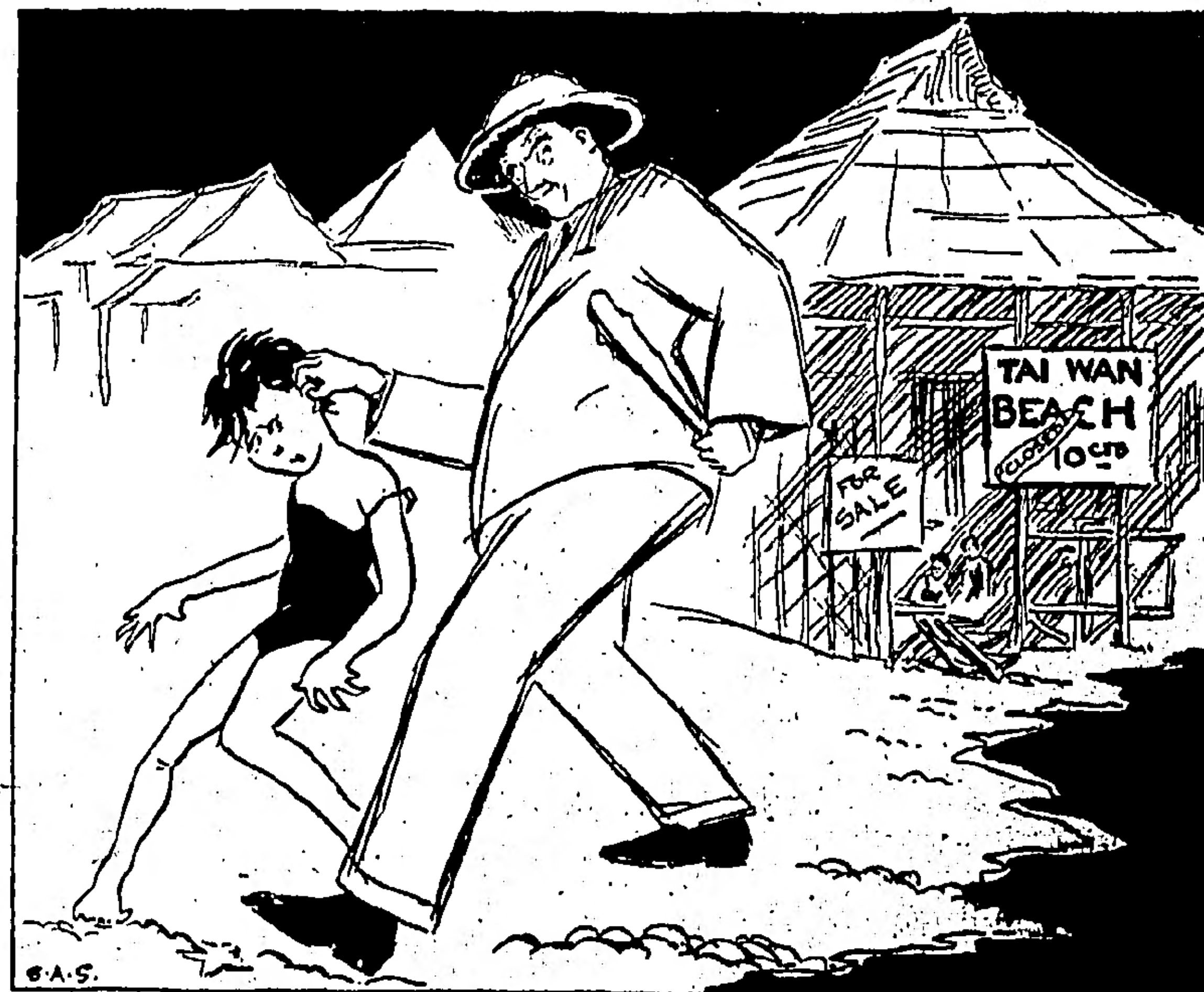
The reparation clauses are elastic enough, as they stand, to permit of extensive changes, and extensive changes in the amount and method of payment have in fact been made. No revision question, therefore, arises here either.

When we come to the territorial clauses the problem gets more complex. Alsace-Lorraine is settled. So, on the whole, is the destiny of the German colonies. Germany's only demand then is for a mandate for herself, and even if that were conceded it would not involve any revision of the Treaty. Complaint is made of the manner of the transference of the small areas of Eupen and Malmedy to Belgium, but that is not worth reopening now, and the Saar will settle itself in less than four years' time.

### The Polish Corridor.

The one serious issue is over Germany's eastern frontier, and again it is necessary to insist that the fact that Germany dislikes the frontier is no proof in itself that the frontier needs modification. Frontier-changing, indeed, is a highly risky diversion, to be approached always with the greatest circumspection. The question here is rather whether it might not be well worth Poland's while to try and reach some new modus vivendi with Germany regarding the regime in the coast-territory between West and East Prussia in return, for example, for a definite acceptance by Germany of the situation in Upper Silesia as she has accepted the situation in Alsace-Lorraine.

On those lines you might obtain a bit of revision by consent. You can, of course, get it in no other way. But the general point to be made—and it seems to me very well worth making—is that it is better for the stability of Europe, and far better for the individual countries concerned, to concentrate on the few points in the Treaty where revision may be claimed with some reason than to talk as if the document deserved to be torn up and re-written—which is palpable nonsense, and very dangerous nonsense to boot.



"If you're so keen on bathing, young fellow, why not hire a car, and bathe at Castle Peak?"



**GIRL TRAFFICKER SENTENCED.****GETS TOTAL OF YEAR'S IMPRISONMENT.****HABITUAL TRADER.**

Wu Chi-lam, convicted as a trafficker in girls, was sentenced by Mr. Schofield at the Central Magistrate's Court this morning to a total of a year's hard labour.

The penalty inflicted was in respect of two different cases, in which he is shown as having taken two girls from the Colony for the purpose of prostitution.

In the first case, the evidence revealed that in February last, after having induced Chan Yuk-tai, an 18-year-old girl, to live with him on a promise of marriage, he took her to a town in Kwang near Kwang Chow Wan, where she was forced to practice an immoral calling until the matter came to the notice of the District Magistrate and she was rescued by the police.

On her return to Hongkong, the girl reported the matter to the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, and Wu Chi-lam was arrested.

While investigations were still proceeding, a second complaint was made by Leung Yuk-chun, 25 years of age, who identified Wu as the individual who in September last deceived her with a promise of marriage and subsequently caused her to be put on a vessel bound for Indo-China.

On board, she continued, she met a man and a woman, complete strangers to her until then, who informed her that she had been sold to them. Under compulsion, by these two, she practised prostitution in Annam for six months before she found the wherewithal to redeem herself and to return to Hongkong.

After hearing the evidence in both cases, which were taken separately, Mr. Schofield, in expressing the view that the case was a serious one, with no evidence of any honest occupation furnished by the accused, convicted Wu Chi-lam on three charges.

Inspector J. Murphy, of the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, agreed that the accused appeared to be habitually engaged in seducing girls and selling them into prostitution. He was assisted by a woman who lived with him. The woman was still at large.

On a charge of harbouring the girl Chan Yuk-tai, the accused received six months' hard labour. On each of two other charges, namely taking part in the sending of the two girls out of the Colony for the purpose of prostitution, the accused received a further three months, making an aggregate of twelve months' imprisonment.

**CANTON WAR ON FANTAN.****SAID TO BE DISGRACE TO KUOMINTANG.**

Canton, Apr. 7. The possibility of the Canton Government carrying out drastic measures to check gambling activities in Honan, the mainland opposite Canton, eventually leading to the suppression of all fan-tan houses is conveyed in a recommendation submitted to the Provincial Executive Council by the Canton Kuomintang Department.

The proposal says that the permitting of fan-tan gambling near the city is a disgrace to the Kuomintang regime. It is explained that the Kwangtung Government permitted the opening of these fan-tan houses at a time when the Provincial Treasury was drained by continual warfare with Kwangsi.

With the restoration of peace the Nanking Government now deems it possible to cancel the 1000 tax on fan-tan, at the big sacrifice of a colossal revenue, and the Kuomintang recommendation suggests that Kwangtung should make a further sacrifice by doing away with fan-tan.

**COTTON MERGER BREAKDOWN.****IMPERIAL BANK DECLINES NECESSARY LOAN.**

Bombay, Apr. 7. A proposed scheme for a merger of thirty-five cotton textile mills at Bombay has been abandoned because the Government of India has refused to forgo entirely the three and a half per cent. stamp duty, which represented an outlay preliminary to the merger of £250,000.

The Government of India offered the negotiators a rebate of half the amount.

The failure was also due to the inability of the mills to arrange a loan of £7,500,000 with the Imperial Bank of India to finance the merger.—*Reuter.*

**DUTCH BANK'S PROGRESS.****SPACIOUS NEW OFFICES OPENED TO-DAY.****SPEECH BY CONSUL.**

The increasing advance made in the business life of Hongkong by the Nederlandsch Indische Handelsbank N. V., was exemplified this morning when the official opening of the firm's new and spacious premises in Royal Building, which is part of the old King Edward Hotel site, took place in the presence of a large gathering of bankers, brokers and clients.

The ceremony, brief but very happy, took the form of a reception, during which the success of the Bank was enthusiastically lauded.

In proposing this toast, Mr. M. J. Quist (Consul for the Netherlands) said:—Mr. Endert and gentlemen, we are attending the official opening of the new offices of the Nederlandsch Indische Handelsbank to-day, and as it is customary to say a few words on such an occasion, I am pleased to do so.

It is only a week ago that I said that my connections with the Java Line dated from the end of 1901; I can go one better in respect of the Bank with which I had agreeable relations as early as 1908-9. When a Consular agent in Singapore, Shipping requires the services and help of the Consul daily, not so banking; it is a rare occasion when the Bank stands in need of me. It is, officially and privately, I who need the Bank.

**Bank's History.**

Gentlemen, I am not going to weary you with details about the Bank. A few may suffice. The Bank is about 67 years of age. It is a big bank, as all you know. Originally more meant for Holland and the Colonies alone, it has gradually established offices at Singapore, Hongkong, in China, Japan and India; the expansion of the Bank the last 15 years or so has been phenomenal.

I know this, namely that the Bank Building at Amsterdam is now double the original size and that the offices in Messrs. Sassoon's building here have proved too small. Commodious and spacious offices have been found in the old King Edward Hotel, now baptised the Royal Building. I am ready to admit—I have this on good authority—that the Bank has been doing good business in the old building, but we hope that Mr. Endert will succeed in still increasing the business—especially the profits, of course—on the new premises.

**Happy Atmosphere.**

Gentlemen, I liked the atmosphere in the old office, but I hope that you, co-bankers, clients and brokers will enjoy the atmosphere of this office still better. The latter statement I can make for myself at any rate, as in 1914-1916 on one or two occasions, a good whiskey and soda was dispensed to me in the exact spot in which Mr. Endert has his private office now. By the Bank's and Mr. Endert's courtesy, I am going to enjoy this cup of champagne on the very spot of long ago; my only regret is that, when coming to-morrow again, we shall only receive spiritual enjoyment of another kind—business. But this you all know, gentlemen, that we shall continue receiving a fair and square deal at the hands of Mr. Endert. I ask you, gentlemen, to join me in wishing the Bank all possible success in the new premises.

Mr. Endert (Manager), in a brief response, thanked Mr. Quist for his generous references to the Bank and also all their banking friends, brokers and clients who had attended the function that morning to give the Bank an encouraging start in its new home. He could assure them that they would continue to do their utmost to give satisfaction to all concerned with the Bank, and they looked for a continuance of the happy relationship which existed between not only them, their clients, but their brother bankers and the brokers.

**ARGENTINIAN GOLD DRAIN.****RESTRICTIVE MEASURES REMOVED.**

Buenos Aires, Apr. 7. In order to facilitate foreign exchange operations, the Government has decided to allow gold to the value of three-eighths of any transaction to be deposited in Argentinian Embassies abroad in countries enjoying a gold standard.

Hitherto, owing to the constant drain of gold from the Argentine, restrictive measures have been imposed on gold movements. Recently, Argentinian currency has improved considerably in the exchange markets.—*Reuter.*

**YOURA GULLER'S TRIUMPH.****BRILLIANT PLAYING AT YESTERDAY'S RECITAL.**

Little did the audience realize when Youra Guller started her piano recital yesterday that there was in store for them such a musical revelation, such a marvellous performance by a pianist of the first rank. In the first two numbers (eighteenth-century Sonatas by Antonio Soler and Albeniz), the pianist gave little inkling of the tone-power and virtuosity at her command. Delicacy was the dominating note—she rarely rose above a mezzo-forte—and the easy manner of playing the pieces disguised their difficulties.

In the *Largo* of Leonardo Vinci, and Ph. Emm. Bach's *Andante*, we were still kept rather in the dark as to Mlle. Guller's full capabilities; all that was heard in playing, the well-defined phrasing, the wonderful range of tones, the beautiful finish of technique, were apparent only when her first group culminated in Fr. Bach's *Concerto*. The audience realized by then that she has rarely been heard in this part of the world; they were in the presence of a master of the keyboard and an exponent of the Bach school whose rendering suggested Harold Samuel or Harriet Cohen at their best. The enthusiasm increased with each moment that passed, and it was a rapid and respectful audience which settled down to listen to the Chopin group which came next on the programme.

Chopin's *Bolide* in F minor, one of his highest and most poetic works—makes great demands upon the imagination, no less than the technique, of the performer, and it is not very often included in programmes. Mlle. Guller proved at once that she possessed those very qualities of poetic feeling and romanticism which are essential to a good Chopin player, and an amazing technique equal to all the difficulties of the *Bolide*. The last three pages, however, would have been more satisfactory if they had been taken at a slightly less hurried pace, which would have liberated a certain amount of blurring and made their musical content clearer. The *Prelude* in F was a little gem. In complete contrast to this and the *Study* in F minor, Youra Guller ended this group with a brilliant rendering of the *Walse in A Flat* (Op. 34, No. 1), in which her range of tone-power was disclosed to the full; such vivacity from a woman pianist of not very robust physique was simply amazing.

Youra Guller confined herself to modern Spanish works in her third group and here again proved the adaptability of her interpretative faculties. It was evident that she had immersed herself in this type of music and thoroughly enjoyed every bar of it. Whether in the graceful lines of the *Dance* of Granados, the languorous lilt of Albeniz's *Tango*, or the brilliance of the same composer's *Triana*, she caught instantly the mood of the music and maintained a satisfying rhythm amidst all the delightful rubato in which it abounded. Perhaps the climax of her powers as a virtuoso was reached in the *Dance* of *Five* (Worship by Da Falla, in which piece it seemed sometimes as though two pianos were playing at once; yet all the while her execution was as clean and facile as it was—from the point of view of outward brilliance—thrilling and hair-raising.

At the conclusion of the recital, Mlle. Guller received an enthusiastic reception from the audience who remained in their seats, determined to hear at any rate one encore before their departure. They were rewarded by the performance of Rosenthal's *Pavillon*, which was a triumph of delicacy and grace. Her mastery performance is all the more remarkable considering the fact that the pianist was suffering from a sprained ankle which made the pedalling both awkward and painful.

Youra Guller may not be accustomed to playing to such small audiences as a piano recital attracts in this Colony, but at any rate she may have the satisfaction of knowing that at no local piano recital within the writer's memory has an audience come away with such a feeling of satisfaction and genuine amazement.—*ALLEGRO.*

**AMERICAN SPEAKER SERIOUSLY ILL.****MR. LONGWORTH SUFFERING FROM PNEUMONIA.**

New York, Apr. 7.

It is announced from Alken in South Carolina, that Mr. Nicholas Longworth, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, is seriously ill, suffering from pneumonia.—*Reuter's American Service.*

**MURDER CHARGE PREFERRED.****CUSTOMS CUTTER SEAMAN MISSING.****TWO BROTHERS HELD.**

The disappearance of a seaman belonging to a Chinese Customs cutter while left in charge of a suspected junk in Chinese waters off Pingchau, on December 31 last, has excited suspicions of foul play. The matter has engaged the attention of the Hongkong Police authorities by the arrest in the Colony of two members of the junk's crew, they being Chan Ching and Chan Po, brothers.

The facts, as reported previously, are that on December 31 last, a junk was intercepted off Pingchau by the Chinese Customs cutter Pak Tau. On the alleged discovery of a quantity of suspected salt, one of the crew was taken into custody and transferred on board the cutter. At the same time, a seaman from the cutter, named Li Lo, was transferred over to the junk to act as a guard, while the junk was released temporarily with instructions to call at Shamun for the process of interrogation.

The junk did not turn up at Shamun, and the Customs cutter searching for it the following day found it at Pingchau, deserted by the crew. There was no sign of the guard and the suspicion was engendered that he was overpowered by the two members of the crew left behind, dispossessed of his rifle, murdered and his body thrown overboard or otherwise disposed of.

There has so far been no trace of the body of the missing seaman, and in the case in which they are charging Chan Ching and Chan Po, on the capital charge, the police authorities here are proceeding without the production of the body.

Chief Detective Inspector Reynolds to-day applied for a further week's remand for further investigations, and the case was adjourned until next Wednesday.

**AN EXTRADITION PROBLEM.****CHINESE WANTED IN RANGOON.**

A Chinese who is wanted at Rangoon for the alleged disappearance of Rupees 75,000 from a foreign firm there, appeared before Mr. Schofield at the Central Police Court this morning, when he expressed his readiness to return to Rangoon of his own free will, thereby waiving all extradition formalities.

The position created by this choice was defined by Detective Sub-Inspector Elston, who said that in effect the fugitive was a free man until the arrival of the requisition. He wanted to know whether the fugitive was willing to go back voluntarily now, or wait until the arrival of the documents.

Appearing for what he described as "the private prosecutor," Mr. H. C. Macnamara said there had been considerable trouble in getting hold of the fugitive, and argued that the man should not be sent back to Burma without a proper escort. He might escape at the first port of call.

The Magistrate asked if it could be arranged for the fugitive to be met at Singapore by a police officer.

Inspector Elston replied that little benefit would result from that, as a police escort from Burma would have to go through the formality of securing permission from the Singapore police.

The fugitive was formally remanded for another week, to enable the police to consider the position.

**WORLD FINANCE CONFERENCES.****MR. MONTAGU NORMAN'S SUGGESTION.**

New York, Apr. 7.

Mr. Montagu Norman, the Governor of the Bank of England, addressing American financiers including Mr. Andrew Mellon, the Secretary to the Treasury Department, and Mr. Meyer, the Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank, urged periodical conferences between the heads of the Federal Reserve Bank and the central banks of Europe.

The statement is reported in the *New York Times*, which also quotes an unnamed participant in the conference as saying that while periodic meetings would not have a binding effect, it would be a short-sighted policy if American officials ignored conditions in foreign countries.

The discussions at the meeting were of a general character, touching broadly upon matters of international finance and trade.—*Reuter's American Service.*

**BONDED STORES PROSECUTED.****PREMISES IN UNTIDY CONDITION.****NOMINAL FINES.**

The licensees of four bonded liquor warehouses, at 298 to 302, Des Voeux Road West, were summoned by Mr. Todd, of the Imports and Exports Office, before Mr. Schofield at the Central Police Court this morning, the charges being that they failed to comply with certain regulations regarding the upkeep of the premises.

Mr. Todd said the premises were visited on March 19 and 20 by Chief Preventive Officer Bullock, when it was found that the licensees were not complying with certain of the regulations, as, for instance, they had a large number of empty bottles, heaps of sawdust, and packing cases and things like that, whilst in two cases, stocks were so placed that access to them was made difficult. They could not get at these stocks to check them easily. Thirdly, the doors and windows were not satisfactory. The windows were supposed to have wire netting. In one case, a window opening on to Des Voeux Road had no wire netting, and it would be easy to pass goods through the bars.

Mr. Todd:—I am not pressing the case. It is only a technical offence. I understand from the Superintendent that they have been warned several times but have not put their house in order.

Mr. M.K. Lo, for the licensees, remarked that in the ordinary course of things it was to be expected that such things as were necessary for the storage of liquor and were more or less part of it, should accumulate there. He understood, however, that the authorities required the place to be kept in a tidy state, and while advising his clients to plead guilty, he told them to see Mr. Todd afterwards to ascertain what was required of them. That course would save the time of the Court.

His Worship imposed nominal fines of \$10 on all four licensees.

**CROWN LAND SALE AT P.W.D.****KOWLOON LOTS SECURE GOOD PRICES.**

Three lots of Crown land in Kowloon were disposed of at the public land sale, at the P.W.D. yesterday afternoon, when Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2450, in Fa Yuen Street, consisting of about 18,410 square feet, with an upset price of \$32,218, was knocked down to Mr. Fung Pak at \$43,200; Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2451, situated at the junction of Fa Yuen Street and Bute Street, consisting of about 18,040 square feet, with an upset price of \$31,570, was sold to Mr. Fung Pak for \$47,200; and New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1447, in Shek Kip Mei Street, consisting of about 12,450 square feet, with an upset price of \$18,675, was knocked down to Mr. Lo Fat, at \$34,700.

**AMATEUR DETECTIVE HAS A SURPRISE.****RECOVERS OWN PROPERTY.**

An estate agent who assumed the role of a detective had a pleasant surprise when he found that the stolen property he had recovered was his own.

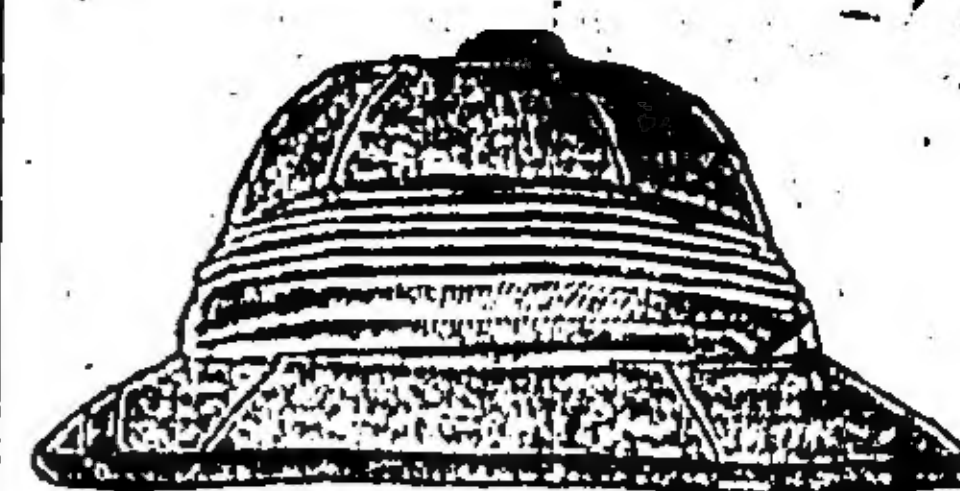
The story was told at Marylebone when George Usher (34), hotel porter, of Plumbers-row, Whitechapel, was sentenced to four months' hard labour for stealing a rinceau from the car of John Steward Gardner, estate agent, of Queen's-gardens, Bayswater.

Detective Hayward said that Mr. Gardner noticed Usher in Oxford-terrace, and became suspicious. He followed him to Prad-street, and there saw him go through the pockets of a rinceau he was wearing, take it off, and enter a second-hand clothes shop. He called a constable and then, to his surprise, discovered that the coat was his own. It had been taken from his car.

**WEATHER REPORT.**

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone central over N.E. China has strengthened slightly. Strong to fresh monsoon soon along the N.E. coast of China and over the North China Sea.

Last week's return of notifiable diseases shows four cases of diphtheria, three of typhoid and two of small-pox, one of the latter being imported. There were fifty-one deaths from pulmonary tuberculosis. Yesterday's return shows two cases of typhoid and one each of diphtheria and peripneumonia.

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**MUI-TSAI ASSAULT CASE.****MEDICAL EVIDENCE GIVEN IN COURT.**

At the Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning, before Mr. Hamilton, medical evidence was heard in the case in which a woman, Li Yat, is charged with having kept an unregistered mul-tai, and also with having ill-treated her and assaulted her on various dates between July and March.

Mr. Q. A. A. MacFadyen, of the S. C. A., prosecuted and Mr. Leo D'Almada (snr) defended.

Dr. A. H. Kwan said he examined the girl, Li Yat-sim (12), on March 22. She was very thin, pale and trembling and looked ill-nourished. She had wounds on the scalp, upper left eye and back of left hand, which, in his opinion, had been

caused by a blunt instrument rather than in a fall.

In reply to Mr. D'Almada, witness said he did not think the wounds could have been caused by a fall. The injuries were not so serious as to justify her being admitted into hospital. He occasionally came across children in a similar condition.

Dr. K. Uttley said he examined the girl yesterday. Drs. Court and Smalley were also present and they had arrived at unanimous conclusions. The girl was small and ill-nourished, and had two extensive cuts on the skull, a septic finger, a scar on her left hand, a one-inch scar on her right leg and numerous small scars on her abdomen. They were all more than two months old, except the septic finger, which was more recent. As regards the abdominal injuries, he was of opinion that they were the result of Chinese treatment. The scalp wounds were due to being struck by an instrument.

Further hearing was adjourned for April 15.



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## CANTON RACES.

## GOOD SPORT AT INITIAL MEETING.

Canton, Apr. 7. The opening meeting at the new race course at Shekai, which has been repeatedly postponed since February 21st owing to wet weather, was successfully held on Sunday last. On making enquiries regarding the new course it was learned that the new course is rather unfortunately located below the level of the surrounding paddy fields, thereby causing a lot of drainage to collect on the course, which being itself poorly drained and having a soft clay surface, very quickly becomes a quagmire. It is understood that a drainage system has been worked out which will overcome this at a very small cost, and is at present engaging the attention of the authorities.

The meeting on Sunday, the primary object of which was to raise funds for the development of a riding school to promote and popularise the sport locally, was only made possible by the untiring efforts of Mr. Chang Mo-hung who spent the whole of the previous three days on the course directing a gang of some hundred coolies to keep the course drained.

**Huge Crowds.** It was estimated that over 10,000 people were present at the meeting, the scenes along the road from Tungshan to Shekai being without precedent in Canton. A constant stream of motor-cars two miles long was to be seen between 10.30 and 11.30 a.m., while on both sides of the road was a never-ending procession of pedestrians. Owing to the heavy demand for railway transportation during the Chinese New Year festival, the railway authorities were unable to provide trains between Tai Shan and Shekai as would have been done normally. After 11 a.m. it was impossible to hire a car from any garage in Canton or Tungshan and many people who had not previously looked at the course were unable to obtain transport of any kind.

The course was formally opened by H. E. General Chan Ming-shu, who rode round it prior to the first race, the ovation given by the crowd present leaving little doubt as to the popularity of Kwangtung's Civil Governor. Results:

**Letting's Plate.** Half mile flat race for "D" class ponies owned and ridden by a member. King Thistle (Mr. Taffee) 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th, 101st, 102nd, 103rd, 104th, 105th, 106th, 107th, 108th, 109th, 110th, 111th, 112th, 113th, 114th, 115th, 116th, 117th, 118th, 119th, 120th, 121st, 122nd, 123rd, 124th, 125th, 126th, 127th, 128th, 129th, 130th, 131st, 132nd, 133rd, 134th, 135th, 136th, 137th, 138th, 139th, 140th, 141st, 142nd, 143rd, 144th, 145th, 146th, 147th, 148th, 149th, 150th, 151st, 152nd, 153rd, 154th, 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## MAJESTIC HOTEL.

INTERNATIONAL SYNDICATE  
MAY PURCHASE.

If the Shanghai Municipal Council fails to take up the option offered by the Shanghai Land Investment Company for the purchase of the Majestic site for Tls. 3,500,000, the much-mooted property will pass into the hands of an international syndicate at that figure on April 15 and will be maintained as a social centre and common meeting ground for Chinese and foreigners alike, says the Shanghai Evening News and Mercury.

Since it is not considered likely that the Council will take up the option, the sale is considered to be virtually consummated.

The purchasing syndicate was formed Saturday under the leadership of Mr. Li Ming, general manager of the Chekiang Industrial Bank, representing all the leading banking interests of Shanghai, Mr. M. Benjamin, a director of the Shanghai Land Investment Company, Commander F. R. Davey, associated with the Sassoon interests, and Sir Robert Ho Tung of Hongkong.

### Equally Divided.

The syndicate, which is composed of seven members, is equally divided in its associated interests with Chinese and foreign business groups. Each member will account for Tls. 500,000 of the purchase price.

It has been decided that the buildings now composing the Majestic will be kept intact. Mr. Benjamin at first proposed that it be used as a centre for Chinese activities but Mr. Li advanced the proposal that it be converted into an international centre. Mr. Benjamin, himself long a resident at the famous hostelry, modified his suggestion, and it has been definitely determined that the organization will function as an international group operating a centre where all nations, races and social groups will meet on cordial terms amid lovely surroundings.

At a dinner, Mayor Chang Chun of the Municipality of Greater Shanghai, extended his congratulations through Mr. Li to the public-spirited group of men and promised his full support of the proposal.

### Heavy Bank Backing.

Behind Mr. Li is the full strength of Chinese banking interests in Shanghai as represented by Mr. K. P. Chen, managing director of the Shanghai Commercial and Savings Bank and Mr. Chang Chia-keng, president of the Bank of China and others.

This new development in the history of the Majestic site assures its rescue from demolition, a fate which had been feared when it began to appear that the current proposals for its purchase as a municipal civic centre were doomed to disfavor from official sources.

There still remains the possibility that the ratepayers will act in favour of the suggestion advanced some time ago by Mr. Ernest Harris for the acquisition of the site as a civic centre.

### Option Offered.

Following a series of pros and cons and considerable speculation on the subject, Mr. N. L. Spark of the Shanghai Land Investment Company, present holders of the property, came out with the offer of an option to the Municipal Council at a sales price of Tls. 3,500,000, to hold good until April 15, the date of the ratepayer's meeting.

This price, in view of land values in the Bubbling Well district, was considered an exceptionally fair and reasonable one and backers of the Harris proposal were optimistic concerning the outcome of their campaign.

Later reports emanating from council circles gave evidence of a lukewarm attitude on the part of the councilmen and the situation now rests in the hands of the ratepayers of Shanghai whose action at the forthcoming meeting remains to be seen.

### Fears Eliminated.

In any case, the Majestic is saved to Shanghai. It will remain,

## KING'S RESTAURANT.

JUST OPENED BY MESSRS.  
LANE CRAWFORD, LTD.

The new "King's Restaurant" has just been opened by Messrs. Lane, Crawford, Ltd., in the King's Theatre Building, and is being conducted on similar lines to the firm's other well-known and popular Cafe at Exchange Building.

In the Tea Lounge, on the mezzanine floor, one has a feeling akin to that enjoyed at Home when in one of the famous "Corner Houses" of London. Here also is situated a soda fountain, which will be a real boon during the summer months.

In fact throughout the day and up till midnight—cocktails and all other alcoholic drinks are obtainable. On the first floor, adjoining the Dress Circle, is the Grill Room, where dinners, and a la carte dishes are served, and what is going to be a special feature of the new restaurant, "snacks" and cold dishes may be obtainable before and after the pictures, up till midnight.

It is anticipated to hold Ten Dances every afternoon in the Grill Room and Dinner Dances on occasion demands. The establishment is fully licensed and both the Lounge and Grill Room are open till midnight.

The decorations have been carried out by Messrs. Arts and Crafts, while Lane, Crawford, Ltd. have seen to it that nothing but the very best in the way of furniture has been provided. No expense has been spared to make King's Restaurant a pleasurable rendezvous for the Hongkong public.

The entrance is through the main entrance to the King's Theatre and it is not necessary to be a patron of the Theatre to gain admission.

This new venture of Lane Crawford is another step towards a brighter Hongkong and no longer need one be "all dressed up and no where to go."

its green and lovely gardens, its broad and now-famous Winter Garden and ball room. All fears of its removal to make way for further business development are for the present eliminated.

The spirit in which the syndicate is entering the deal is one of public interest and it is felt that sufficient support will be available to keep it a going proposition. Something in the nature of an international club, where individuals under all flags will gather to exchange ideas and pleasantries, to hold periodic social functions as well as meetings of a more serious nature, is planned.

The figurative tears that have been shed over the passing of the much-beloved hotel are now so much spit-milk. The Majestic is saved.

### Shares Go Up.

As a direct repercussion of reports on the consummated deal, the Shanghai Land shares on the local stock exchange took a sharp rise moving from Tls. 403 to Tls. 413, a sale of 1,500 shares, one of the largest blocks of this particular issue which have changed hands in recent months. At the close there were unsatisfied buyers at high figures.

The sales price of Tls. 3,500,000 represents a rise of Tls. 800,000 over the last purchase price of Tls. 2,700,000.

### Suggestion for A Civic Centre and Gardens.

Messrs. E. F. Harris, and G. A. Fitch-to-day forwarded a resolution to the Municipal Council that the Majestic Hotel property be purchased by the Council for use as a public garden and civic centre.

It is understood that the Council is opposed to this idea—  
Our Own Correspondent.

## CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.

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No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 13th April, 1931, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 27th April, 1931, or they will not be recognised.

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Hongkong, 7th April, 1931.

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All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the Godown, where they will be examined by Messrs. Anderson and Ashie on the 10th April, 1931, at 10 a.m.

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Hongkong, 4th April, 1931.

LEGATIONS REMOVAL.

BEING CONSIDERED BY THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS.

Peking, Apr. 7.

The question of the removal of the Peking Legations to Nanking is again under discussion among the diplomats here, following the suggestion of terms to govern the removal by the Nanking Foreign Ministry.

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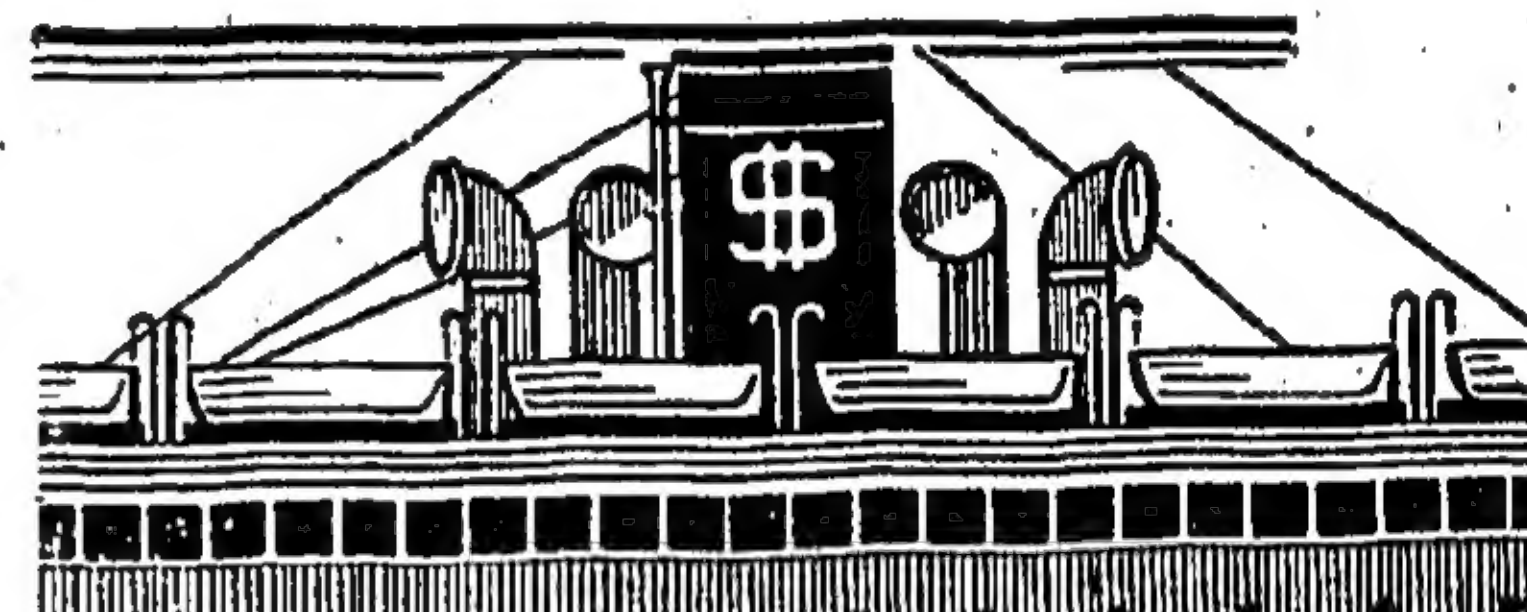
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### GAMBLE ENDS IN FIGHT.

MAN STABBED WITH A  
POCKET KNIFE.

### CHEATING AT CARDS.

Following a quarrel during a gambling game, two young Chinese engaged in a fight and both were subsequently removed to the Government Civil Hospital for treatment of injuries. One of the men struck the other across the head with a clog while he himself received a stab wound in his back. The affair, which took place in Graham Street on March 31, had a sequel before Mr. Williams at the Central Police Court this morning when charges of disorderly conduct were brought against the two men.

According to Detective Sergeant Naughton, the men had been playing cards and one accused the other of cheating. The second defendant, who was the alleged defaulter, tore up the cards which belonged to the first defendant. A fight ensued, and the second defendant struck the first across the head with a clog, but in return received a stab wound with a pocket knife from the first defendant.

His Worship remarked that the second defendant was the aggressor but at the same time reprimanded the first defendant for resorting to such a dangerous weapon as a knife. The first defendant was fined \$5 and the second \$10, while both were bound over to be of good behaviour for the period of one year.

### OIL PROSPECTORS HAMPERED.

BIG COMPANIES TO STOP  
DEVELOPMENT.

New York, Apr. 7.

It is reported from Bogota, the capital of Colombia, that two large American oil companies, the Texas Petroleum Company and the Sinclair Consolidated Oil Corporation have announced their inability to continue development work in the oilfields of Colombia in the face of the new Government

### KING GEORGE'S SICKNESS.

NO CAUSE FOR ALARM  
OR ANXIETY.

London, Apr. 7.

It was stated at Windsor Castle to-day that His Majesty the King is suffering from an attack of sub-acute bronchitis. He is making slow but satisfactory progress. The statement was in the form of a bulletin and bore no doctor's signature.

The King is not confined to bed, but he remained to-day in his bedroom, where he transacted official business. Sub-acute bronchitis is a mild form of bronchitis and the term might be applied to a cold on the chest. It gives no cause for alarm or anxiety.

During the day, Lord Dawson of Penn drove from London to see His Majesty, and Sir Milson Rees, laryngologist to the Royal Household, also paid him a short visit. —British Wireless.

### GREAT LOCKOUT IN NORWAY.

ALMOST EVERY INDUSTRY  
AFFECTED.

Oslo, Apr. 7.

As the culmination of a long drawn out wages dispute, a great lockout which has been threatening Norwegian industrial life for some time past, appears to be materializing.

Work is to cease in the iron and steel industry, the engineering and mining industries, the textile and building industries and several other industries, including the printing departments of provincial newspapers from to-morrow night.

The lockout will involve at least 43,000 workers immediately, while the employers have given notice of a lockout in certain other industries as from April 15, affecting a further 25,000 men. —Reuter.

regulations. The regulations impose restrictions which make it impossible for prospectors to continue and the geologists of these companies are, it is stated, being withdrawn. —Reuter's American Service.

### ECHO OF 1925 STRIKE.

DESERTING CONSTABLE  
BROUGHT TO BOOK.

### FINE OPTION GRANTED.

Before Mr. Williams at the Central Police Court this morning, there was an echo of the 1925 strike, when a Chinese constable appeared before his Worship on the serious charge of desertion from the Hongkong Police Force after less than a year's service on a five years' contract. Mr. L. H. V. Booth (Assistant Superintendent of Police) appeared for the prosecution.

The defendant pleaded guilty to the charge. In reply to his Worship, Mr. Booth said the defendant, who joined the Police Force on August 17, 1924, deserted on July 3, 1925, that was at the beginning of the 1925 strike.

His Worship:—Was he alone in deserting? Mr. Booth:—I have not got the actual figures of those who deserted during the 1925 strike, but comparatively few, I think 15 altogether, deserted. As a percentage there were very few desertions.

Mr. Booth, in reply to another question, said he was asking for a severe sentence as a deterrent to others. The defendant told the police that he had been in Hongkong, since his desertion, for the past two years, in Portland Street, Yau-mutai. This business had since gone bankrupt. The police had not been able to ascertain how long he had been in the Colony, but knew he had been here for at least a few months.

His Worship imposed sentence of two months' hard labour. The defendant applied for the option of a fine and in granting the request his Worship remarked that it was an extraordinary time when he had deserted and there might have been some influence brought to bear on him. It was also such a long time ago. The option of a fine of \$120 was allowed.

The rainfall registered at the Observatory for the 24 hours ended at 10 a.m. to-day was 1.42 inches. This makes the year's total 5.77 inches, against an average of 7.23 inches.

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